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Judge delays Bergdahl's court-martial

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FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl will not face trial until at least February on accusations he deserted his post in Afghanistan and endangered the troops who spent months searching for him.

The judge overseeing the former Taliban captive's case, Army Col. Jeffery R. Nance, pushed back the start of the general court-martial from its original mid-August date to Feb. 5 during a hearing Tuesday at Fort Bragg, N.C. The trial is expected to last at least two weeks.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed the delay was necessary to allow each side to analyze thousands of clas-

sified and unclassified documents that potentially contain evidence.

Prosecutors have collected more than 1.5 million pages of potential evidence, according to a motion filed last week. To date, prosecutors have provided about 129,000 pages, including about 89,000 classified pages, to defense lawyers, Army prosecutor Maj. Justin C. Oshana wrote in the court documents.

Additionally, Bergdahl's lawyers have been granted an investigator to gather their own evidence.

Tuesday's hearing followed a nearly three-month pause in pre-trial proceedings as Bergdahl's lawyers and prosecutors wrangled over access to classified information. Prosecutors in February asked a military

appellate court to overturn Nance's previous ruling that they turn over classified evidence to the defense without review by a senior military official. The appeal was rejected April 30 by the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals.

Bergdahl, 30, faces charges of "misbehavior before the enemy by endangering the safety of a command, unit or place" and "desertion with intent to shirk important or hazardous duty." He has not entered a plea.

If convicted of the more serious misbehavior charge, Bergdahl faces up to life in prison.

During the hearing Tuesday, Nance also ruled a private stenographer would be allowed at Bergdahl's trial to provide journalists a transcript of the proceedings. He additionally

directed prosecutors to establish a "virtual reading room" to publish "unclassified matters of this case" to grant greater transparency to journalists and others interested in the materials. He gave the government a week to establish the website.

The soldier remains on active duty in a clerical job at Joint Base San Antonio.

Bergdahl was captured by Taliban fighters June 30, 2009, after leaving his post in eastern Afghanistan. He was held and tortured for five years by Haqqani Network militants before he was released to American special operations forces in May 2014 after the White House approved the controversial release of five senior-level Taliban detainees from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to Qatar.

Bombers again target Baghdad

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A wave of bombings struck outdoor markets and a restaurant in Shiite-dominated neighborhoods of Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least 69 people, officials said — the latest deadly militant attacks far from the front lines in the country's north and west, where Iraqi forces are battling the Islamic State group.

In an online statement, the Islamic State group claimed responsibility only for the deadliest bombing of the day, which took place in Baghdad's northeastern Shaab neighborhood that killed at least 34 people; 75 others were wounded.

In that attack, a roadside bomb exploded outside the concrete blast walls surrounding the open-air market, followed by a suicide bomber who blew himself up as people gathered

to help the victims of the first explosion, a police officer said.

The Islamic State statement said the attack was carried out by an Iraqi who targeted members of Shiite militias. The Associated Press could not verify the authenticity of the statement, but it was posted on a militant website commonly used by extremists.

Tuesday's bombings were just the latest in a wave of attacks in Baghdad and surrounding areas that has left more than 200 dead over the past week.

Iraqi ground forces have retaken significant chunks of territory from the Islamic State group over the past year. As the militants are pushed back along front lines, the group is increasingly turning to insurgency-style attacks to detract from their losses, Iraqi and coalition officials say.

2nd Battalion to be 'vanguard' in relocation effort in S. Korea

By KIM GAMEL

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment will move from an area near North Korea this summer, becoming "the vanguard" for a massive relocation of U.S. forces to regional hubs south of Seoul, an Army spokesman said Tuesday.

The announcement is part of a flurry of activity as U.S. Forces Korea readies to shift the bulk of its operation to Camp Humphreys in the South Korean port city of Pyongtaek and other areas. The effort has been frequently delayed due to funding and construction problems. The move was originally scheduled for 2008.

The Fort Hood, Texas-based battalion is slated to move from

its base at Camp Hovey, which is near the Demilitarized Zone that separates the Koreas, to Humphreys in July, said Lt. Col. Richard Hyde, a spokesman for the 2nd Infantry Division.

"They're going to be the vanguard for the move," Hyde said in a telephone interview. He said a new railhead at Camp Humphreys will make the relocation of troops and heavy equipment easier but stressed it will still be a massive undertaking.

The Eighth Army also said this month that it will send more than 100 personnel to Humphreys this summer to establish a forward headquarters element to prepare for the move. The \$10.7 billion expansion of Camp Humphreys has been billed as the largest U.S. military project since the Panama Canal.

Report: DOD needs a few good ads to land recruits

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The picture of a stern-looking Uncle Sam, finger pointed forward, casts a lasting image above the words: “I want YOU for U.S. Army.”

The poster, originally published during World War I, marks one of the more memorable advertising campaigns in American history. But now, a century later, a government review of Defense Department recruitment advertising finds Pentagon efforts lacking.

A report by the Government Accountability Office says “better coordination, performance measurement and oversight [is] needed to help meet recruitment goals.”

As the GAO previously has found in a number of other government activities, “unnecessary duplication, overlap and fragmentation” in Pentagon recruitment efforts “may result from the absence of coordination,” according to the report.

“For example, the Air Force has three advertising programs that contract with three advertising agencies, but officials could not provide a rationale for requiring separate programs.”

The lack of oversight can lead to controversy.

Last November, Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake, both Arizona Republicans, released a report critical of the Pentagon practice of paying sports teams to honor servicemembers.

“In 2013,” the senators’ report begins, “a roaring crowd cheered as the Atlanta Falcons welcomed 80 National Guard members who unfurled an American flag across the Georgia Dome’s turf. Little did those fans — or millions of other Americans — know that the National Guard had actually paid the Atlanta Falcons. ... This kind of paid patriotism is wholly unnecessary and a waste and abuse of taxpayer funds, and it must end.”

Provision to put women in draft now out of House bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Buckling under conservative pressure, the Republican-led House Rules Committee pulled a legislative sleight of hand and stripped a provision from the annual defense policy bill that would have required women between the ages of 18 and 25 to sign up for a military draft.

The committee’s chairman, Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas, said in a statement Tuesday the action was taken to prevent what he called a “reckless policy” from moving forward without closer study of its impact.

“I have the utmost respect and deepest appreciation for the young women who bravely volunteer to serve our country, but I am adamantly opposed to coercing America’s daughters to sign up for the Selective Service at 18 years of age,” Sessions said.

The Rules Committee wields substantial influence over legis-

lation before it moves to the House floor. The full House planned to start work on the bill on Tuesday. A Senate bill does include a version of the provision, so the congressional debate over whether women should register isn’t over.

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the No. 2 Democrat in the House, criticized the committee move, casting it as an attempt by Republicans to avoid subjecting “their members to a vote on equality for women, and they ought to.”

Conservatives have warned that requiring women to sign up for a military draft is a dangerous blurring of gender lines.

Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said a broader discussion of whether the nation even needs the Selective Service at a time of the all-volunteer force might be necessary.

“The question is, do we need Selective Service?” Thornberry

said. “We want to make decisions with the facts on hand.”

Military leaders maintain the all-volunteer force is working and do not want a return to conscription. The U.S. has not had a military draft since 1973, in the waning years of the Vietnam War era. Still, all men between the ages of 18 and 25 are required by law to register.

The House Armed Services Committee last month voted 32-30 to require women to register. Six Republicans voted in favor of adding the provision to the defense policy bill that authorizes military spending for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. The move was triggered by the Pentagon’s decision late last year to open all front-line combat jobs to women. After gender restrictions were erased, the branches’ top uniformed officers expressed support during congressional testimony for including women in a potential draft.

Carter mulls advising veto of budget bill

BY TARA COPP

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Ash Carter is waiting to see whether Congress uses war funds in the 2017 defense budget before he decides to recommend the president veto it, Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said Monday.

During the last month, the House and Senate have passed their versions of the annual National Defense Authorization Act. Although each chamber has passed an overall budget of \$610 billion, the House version shifts \$18 billion from a fund dedicated to war spending to pay for increased troops, aircraft and shipbuilding, a maneuver that Carter criticized as “gambling with funding for our troops.”

Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, is pushing the plan to use the \$18 billion to address military readiness by tapping into the Overseas Contingency Operations, or OCO, fund to pay for it. This fund is not subject to the spending caps set by sequestration.

The war spending account pays for increased operations against the Islamic State group and increased U.S. troops and equipment in Europe. If the OCO fund runs out before the fiscal year ends, Congress would have to vote to approve additional war funding to replace the \$18 billion used in the NDAA.

The Senate version of the bill does not use OCO funds.

“The secretary has been

pretty clear about his views on the use of those OCO funds,” Cook said Monday. “He just believes that to rob money from the war fighter in this sort of way is not the right approach.”

Last year, Carter did recommend President Barack Obama veto the defense bill. In October, the president did, in part over policy fights about the closure of the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and decisions to increase defense spending while cutting domestic programs.

This year, Carter is waiting to see whether a deal can be made before offering his recommendation to Obama, Cook said.

“We’d like to work with these committees before anyone talks about veto threats,” he said.

Thunder take series opener

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Outside his locker room, first-year Oklahoma City coach Billy Donovan received a round of handshakes and hugs for pulling off something no other team has this postseason.

The Thunder beat the defending champs at Oracle Arena.

Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and Oklahoma City dazzled in the fourth quarter the way the Warriors have done so many times during their record-setting season, rallying from 14 points down for a 108-102 victory in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals Monday night.

"You have to have a mindset coming into these kinds of venues. Our guys, I think they understand what they're walking into," Donovan said. "You don't just walk in here say, 'Oh, everything's going to be OK.' You have to have a mindset to understand. The first thing is to embrace the fact it's going to be hard."

Durant scored 26 points and made a key 17-foot jumper with 30.7 seconds left, while Westbrook scored 24 of his 27 points in the second half. Westbrook also had 12 assists and seven steals in the opener of the Thunder's fourth West finals in six years.

"We just stayed with it on the defensive end and when we got the shots late in the game we were able to focus in and knock them down," Durant said. "We're just a resilient group and keep fighting 'til the end."

Game 2 is Wednesday night at Oracle Arena. If this one was any kind of preview of what is coming, this should be a dandy of a series between the NBA's highest-scoring teams from the regular season.

"We've just got to compete," Westbrook

said. "It's going to be a tough game. It's a tough building. They have a lot of great players on their team, but I know we're a great team and when we put our minds to it, tonight we didn't play our best game and we came out with a win."

Steven Adams made a pair of free throws for Oklahoma City with 1:01 remaining, and Klay Thompson missed a reverse lay-in moments later on the other end. Adams finished with 16 points, 12 rebounds and two blocked shots.

MVP Stephen Curry had 26 points and a playoff career-high 10 rebounds, but the Warriors missed too many shots down the stretch. The Warriors' 42 second-half points and 14 in the fourth both were lows for this postseason.

"We got rushed and tried to go for the home-run plays. Sometimes it works," Curry said. "Defensively we were getting enough stops and rebounds. We got out of character a little bit. It's something we'll learn from going forward."

With his team down 105-102, Steve Kerr begged for a traveling call on Westbrook at midcourt with 17.2 seconds left, with the NBA Coach of the Year signaling with his arms before going into a squat. Oklahoma City got a timeout instead. Westbrook made one free throw with 14.5 seconds to go.

"I do think we lost our poise a little bit," Kerr said. "And that had a lot to do with the quick shots."

Thompson scored 19 of his 25 points in the first half, but shot 3-for-10 over the last two quarters. Curry's three-pointer to beat the halftime buzzer gave Golden State a 60-47 lead at the break.

Durant scored to get his team within 88-85 going into the final quarter, and then knocked down a tying three just 12 seconds into the fourth. Dion Waiters' layup

at 10:30 put the Thunder ahead for the first time since the opening quarter.

Westbrook missed nine of his first 10 shots before finding a groove and scoring 19 points in his team's 38-point third quarter. His jumper with 5:03 left pulled Oklahoma City to 73-68 before Thompson answered two possessions later. Westbrook stole the ball from Green and drove the length of the court for a dunk at the 3:07 mark of the third, and that helped swing momentum.

Durant, Serge Ibaka and Adams each had double-digit rebounds — a focal point for Golden State after the Warriors won 121-118 in overtime on Curry's long game-winner at Oklahoma City on Feb. 27 despite being outrebounded 62-32.

Westbrook took a hard hit to the face by Andrew Bogut for a foul ruled a Flagrant 1 after a review at the 5:37 mark of the first quarter. Trainers checked Westbrook's mouth.

"Time of the year you're going to get hit but you've got to find a way to get back up," Westbrook said.

Curry was 9-for-22 from the field, including a 6-for-14 performance from beyond the arc, and committed seven turnovers to go with seven assists. He hit a three-pointer in his 45th straight playoff game, breaking Reggie Miller's record set from 1995-2000.

"It's not a good feeling losing Game 1, especially at home," Curry said. "It's fun to have this opportunity to come back, show what we're made of."

This marked the unanimous MVP's second straight start since coming off the bench in Game 4 against the Trail Blazers following a right knee sprain that still isn't 100 percent. He said he can manage just fine, it's just about "pain tolerance" going forward.

Andretti fastest in practice

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — After Marco Andretti jumped atop the speed chart during Monday's first Indianapolis 500 practice, he tried to put the brakes on the expectations.

The 29-year-old driver from one of the world's best-known and most cursed racing families turned a fast lap of 228.978 mph on the 2.5-mile oval, leading the way for a four-car sweep by Andretti Autosport drivers.

"It's definitely too early to get confident or to read into things," Andretti said. "Today is a picture-perfect day and next week it's going to be like 83 or 84 (degrees) and that will change things completely, so you can't read too much into this at all."

Andretti's promising start was a dramatic change in what has been a challenging season. After five races, the son of team owner Michael Andretti still has not qualified or finished in the top 10.

Marco Andretti wasn't the only big surprise at Indy.

Honda outdueled rival Chevrolet by taking each of the top four spots and six of the top eight. Colombia's Carlos Munoz was second at 228.945, 2014 Indy winner Ryan Hunter-Reay was third at 228.033 and rookie Alexander Rossi was fourth at 226.865. Andretti's fifth driver, Townsend Bell, finished sixth at 226.724.

New Zealand's Scott Dixon had the best Chevy. The four-time series champ from Target Chip Ganassi was fifth at 226.835.

But the hardest part of deciphering what happens early in practice is figuring out what strategies teams are using. And with a 60 percent chance of rain Tuesday, Andretti acknowledged his team did things a little differently than others might have.

"We moved things forward on the test plan," he said, noting the gloomy forecast. "So I think we'll see how things shake out."

Qualifying for the 100th running of the 500 will be held Saturday and Sunday. The race is scheduled for May 29.

Who's hot: Graham Rahal. The Ohio native has already had a solid month here. He qualified third for the Grand Prix of Indianapolis, and after being pushed to the No. 24 starting spot because of a failed post-qualifying inspection, Rahal still managed to finish fourth. On Monday, Rahal produced the best Honda speed by a non-Andretti driver. He was eighth at 225.326.

Who's not: Buddy Lazier. At one time, the 1996 Indy winner seemed to be a master of this track. He produced five straight top-seven finishes from 1996-2000. But the 48-year-old Colorado resident has struggled here lately. In 2013, he started 32nd in the 33-car field. In 2014, he qualified 33rd. Last year, he missed the field and on Monday he completed only seven laps and had the slowest car on the track at 212.641.

James, experience give edge to Cavs

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James once stood in Kyle Lowry's sneakers.

Back in 2007, James, with a much thicker hairline and more hops than he has today, made his first appearance in the Eastern Conference finals and carried the Cavaliers past Detroit and into the NBA Finals for the first time. Nine years, five straight Finals appearances, four MVP awards and two championship rings later, James is again on the doorstep of the league's showcase event.

It's all new to Lowry, one of Toronto's All-Star guards, and the Raptors.

Experience is just one advantage the Cavs enjoyed when they open the East finals Tuesday night against the Raptors, who have scratched their way through two Game 7s in this postseason and are on their deepest playoff run. And although the Cavs are recharged following a nine-day break between playoff series and have been in this spot before, James doesn't think his or Cleveland's postseason résumé gives them any edge.

"It's not an advantage," James said

after practice Monday. "They're here for a reason. You got to go out and play. They also played two seven-game series and we didn't. So they can have the upper edge on that. So, there's no advantage to either team. Both teams are 0-0 and it's the first to four."

The Cavs have yet to go five games in this postseason, completing sweeps over Detroit and Atlanta. James has been his usual dominant self, averaging 23.5 points, 8.8 rebounds and 7.3 assists. But unlike last year when Cleveland lost Kevin Love in the first round to a shoulder injury and Kyrie Irving went down with a broken kneecap in the Finals, James isn't on his own, which is why the Cavs are an overwhelming favorite to make their second straight trip to the title round.

Some other things to watch when the Raptors, who beat Cleveland twice during the season, try to dethrone the defending conference champions:

Big-time Biyombo: The Raptors will be without center Jonas Valanciunis in Game 1 and maybe for the entire series. The 7-footer is still recovering from a sprained right ankle sustained in Game 3 against

the Heat, and his loss damages Toronto's depth and rebounding. But the injury to Valanciunis, Toronto's best interior player, gave backup Bismack Biyombo more playing time and the Congolese player has delivered.

The 23-year-old scored 17 points with 16 rebounds and two monster dunks in Game 7 against Miami. The Cavs know they'll need to account for him.

"He's the kind of guy that's a spark for their team," Love said. "He runs the floor, cleans the glass on both ends and he's really been the X-factor for them that got them over the hump."

Three-point circus: The Cavs made 77 three-pointers in their sweep over the Hawks, dropping an NBA record 25 in Game 2. Atlanta chose to protect the paint with defenders and paid for it. Raptors coach Dwane Casey said stopping Cleveland's outside game is crucial.

"They're such a great transition team, such a great penetrate, pick-and-roll team that you try to stop everything and you don't stop anything," he said. "We have to pick our poison. They're very lethal."



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Braves fire manager Gonzalez

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves on Tuesday fired manager Fredi Gonzalez, who couldn't survive the worst record in the majors.

Braves general manager John Coppolella confirmed the firing of Gonzalez. This was Gonzalez sixth season with the Braves, where are in the midst of a dismal stretch: They have lost two straight and eight of 10, have baseball's worst record at 9-28 and already are 13½ games out of first place in the NL East.

Brian Snitker, who has been manager of the Braves' Triple-A Gwinnett team, will move up as interim manager. Snitker was Atlanta's third-base coach from 2006 to 2013, also following Gonzalez in that role when Gonzalez was named manager of the Marlins.

Snitker also had two stints with Atlanta as the bullpen coach in 1985 and from 1988 to 1990.

The Braves also fired bench coach Carlos Tosca. Gwinnett pitching coach Marty Reed has joined the club as bullpen coach. Terry Pendleton will move from first base coach to bench coach and Eddie Perez will move from bullpen coach to first base coach.

Gonzalez, 52, replaced Hall of Fame manager Bobby Cox, who retired following the 2010 season. Gonzalez was the only Latino manager in the majors.

The Braves won the NL East with 96 wins in 2013 but fell to 79-83 the follow-

Torre: Discipline for brawl coming

PHOENIX — MLB chief baseball officer Joe Torre says discipline is obviously coming for those involved in Sunday's melee between the Toronto Blue Jays and Texas Rangers, "hopefully" as soon as Tuesday.

At a news conference Monday before the Arizona Diamondbacks-New York Yankees game, Torre said of the punch that the Rangers' Rougned Odor connected with the jaw of Toronto's Jose Bautista, "it certainly wasn't pretty

and I hate seeing that stuff."

Torre said it's tough enough staying healthy in baseball without contributing to an incident that "could keep you out of the ball game or end your career."

Torre said he would meet Monday night with Joe Garagiola Jr. — MLB's senior vice president of standards and on-field operations — and issue a statement "hopefully" by Tuesday.

— Associated Press

ing season.

Since then, the Braves have shifted to rebuilding mode, seeking young pitchers in a series of moves that stripped the roster of such established veterans as Justin Upton, Jason Heyward, Andrelton Simmons, Craig Kimbrel and Shelby Miller.

Expectations were low this season as the Braves set their focus on moving into their new SunTrust Park in 2017. Even so, it was clear Coppolella and team president John Hart didn't expect to have the worst record in the majors.

The Braves lost their first nine games.

Crosby's OT goal lifts Pens, ties series

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby wasn't sure Bryan Rust saw him, so the Pittsburgh Penguins captain gave his impromptu linemate a quick yell just to make sure.

"I tried to let him know I was there," Crosby said.

A deft drop pass from Rust and a flick of Crosby's wrist later, the superstar's lengthy postseason scoring drought was over. So were the chances of the Penguins falling into a deep hole against Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference finals.

Crosby's shot sailed high and hard over Andrei Vasilevskiy's stick 40 seconds into overtime on Monday night, lifting the Penguins to a 3-2 victory and tying the best-of-seven series at 1. Game 3 is Wednesday night in Tampa.

"It feels good to get rewarded," Crosby said after collecting the first overtime playoff winner of his NHL career. "I feel we deserved it tonight."

Crosby hadn't found the back of the net since Game 4 of the opening round against the New York Rangers, though Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper downplayed the idea that the two-time MVP was in a slump, pointing out a cold streak for Crosby is a hot streak for most others.

Yet most others aren't Crosby. In danger of heading south down 2-0, Crosby generated scoring chance after scoring chance, including a backhand in the second period that appeared destined for an open net before Vasilevskiy stretched his glove out to make a save that could have tilted the balance of power in the series.

Instead, it only seemed to lift the Penguins to another level. Pittsburgh dominated most of the night, outshooting Tampa Bay 41-21 while spending most of the game in the Lightning zone. Only the brilliant play of the 21-year-old Vasilevskiy — filling in for injured starter Ben Bishop — kept Tampa Bay in it.

"He was outstanding," Cooper said. "You never want to lose your No. 1 guy in (Bishop) but Vasi was probably the reason why the game went to overtime in the first place."

Vasilevskiy finished with 38 stops, but darted toward the dressing room after he moved too far to his left when squaring to face Crosby, giving Crosby all the room he needed to score.

The Penguins still haven't lost consecutive games of any variety since January and none with the usual allotment of men on the ice since coach Mike Sullivan's first week on the job back in December.

"We just stayed with it," Sullivan said. "We tried to play the game the right way. That's what I like the most about the group. As the game wore on we got better and better."

Matt Cullen and Phil Kessel scored during Pittsburgh's two-goal burst to start the game and Matt Murray rebounded from a shaky start to finish with 19 saves.

Anton Stralman scored in his return to the lineup from a fractured left leg and Jonathan Drouin picked up his second goal of the series, but the Lightning lost for just the third time in 12 postseason games.

"It's hard for us to swallow," Drouin said. "You could have a 2-0 lead going to your building but we've got to go home and make sure we're ready."

Tigers blow lead, win on HRs

Associated Press

DETROIT — Nick Castellanos hit a tie-breaking homer in the seventh inning as the Detroit Tigers avoided a humiliating loss Monday night, beating the Minnesota Twins 10-8.

The Tigers led 8-0 after one inning with AL ERA leader Jordan Zimmermann on the mound, only to see the Twins come back to tie the game in the seventh. Detroit manager Brad Ausmus was ejected in the middle of the rally for arguing a called third strike. During the argument, he took off his sweatshirt and used it to cover up the plate.

Castellanos homered off Pat Dean (0-1) in the bottom of the seventh to put Detroit back in front. Dean had entered the game in the first inning and threw 90 pitches in 5⅓ innings.

J.D. Martinez, whose dropped fly ball allowed the tying run to score in the seventh, homered in the eighth to give the Tigers a two-run lead.

Zimmermann (6-2) had only allowed eight earned runs in his seven starts this season, but gave up seven more, plus an unearned run, on 11 hits in seven innings. He struck out nine without walking a batter. Francisco Rodriguez pitched a perfect ninth inning for his 10th save.

Ian Kinsler gave the Tigers a lead on the first pitch of the first, driving it into the left-field stands for Detroit's first leadoff homer of the season. The next two hitters walked, and Castellanos made it 2-0 with an RBI single.

Twins starter Jose Berrios continued to struggle to find the plate, walking Cameron Maybin to load the bases and Jarrod Saltalamacchia to give the Tigers a three-run lead. Jose Iglesias followed with a three-run double to make it 6-0 and end Berrios' night after nine batters.

Kinsler greeted Dean with an RBI double, and Martinez made it 8-0 with another

er double. It was Detroit's biggest first inning since they scored 10 at Kansas City on Sept. 23, 2006.

Kurt Suzuki homered in the second to pull the Twins within six, and Miguel Sano's home run cut the margin to 8-3 in the third. Trevor Plouffe added another run for the Twins when he stole third and scored on Saltalamacchia's throwing error in the fourth.

Angels 7, Dodgers 6: Albert Pujols and Mike Trout combined to drive in six runs and the Angels beat the host Dodgers for their fourth straight win in the opener of the Freeway Series.

Matt Shoemaker (2-5) allowed three runs and six hits in five innings, struck out five and walked two. The right-hander made it past four innings for just the second time this season.

Marlins 5, Phillies 3: Marcell Ozuna and Justin Bour hit solo homers, Adam Conley threw six effective innings and visiting Miami beat Philadelphia for its third straight win.

Conley (3-2) gave up one run and eight hits, striking out five. A.J. Ramos allowed a run in the ninth but earned his 12th save in as many tries.

Pirates 8, Braves 5: Matt Joyce homered among his three hits and drove in three runs, Gregory Polanco had three hits and three runs scored and Jon Niese pitched six effective innings to lead host Pittsburgh over Atlanta.

Joyce connected for his fifth home run, a two-run shot deep into the left field bleachers, off Alexi Ogando in the seventh.

Indians 15, Reds 6: Yan Gomes hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and had four RBIs, and host Cleveland rallied from an early four-run deficit to beat Cincinnati.

Marlon Byrd hit a two-run homer in a five-run sixth and the Indians erased a 4-

0 deficit while recording season highs in runs and hits.

Rays 13, Blue Jays 2: Curt Casali hit a three-run homer, Tim Beckham and Steve Pearce each hit two-run blasts and Tampa Bay had four homers while beating host Toronto.

Blue Jays manager John Gibbons was ejected by home plate umpire Mike Winters for arguing a called third strike in the fourth. It was the third ejection of the season for Gibbons and his second in two games — his was one of eight tossed in a game Sunday against Texas that included Rougned Odor's punch to the jaw of Jose Bautista. Toronto has lost three straight.

Athletics 3, Rangers 1: Marcus Semien homered in support of Sean Manaea, who allowed four hits over 6⅔ innings, and host Oakland beat Texas.

Manaea (1-1) earned his first major-league victory in his fourth career start. He entered the game with a gaudy 11.37 ERA. He gave up a run, walked one and struck out two.

Texas starter Derek Holland (3-3) turned in a quality start, though the one bad inning cost him. He gave up two runs and three hits over six innings. Holland walked one and struck out one and is winless over his last three starts.

Diamondbacks 12, Yankees 2: Jake Lamb broke open the game with a three-run home run and host Arizona snapped a five-game losing streak with a rout of New York.

Paul Goldschmidt also homered off Chad Green (0-1) in the Yankees right-hander's major league debut.

Robbie Ray (2-2) allowed two runs on six hits in seven innings, his longest outing of the season, and got his first career RBI. The left-hander struck out six and walked one.