

GAO: Sailors still don't get enough sleep

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Sailors still are not getting enough sleep more than three years after the Navy issued a policy to address fatigue in the wake of two deadly collisions blamed in part on sleep deprivation, a government watchdog said.

Only about 14% of officers received the recommended seven hours or more of sleep during their most recent deployment, and 67% received five hours or less, the Government Accountability Office found. About 84% said fatigue-related conditions among the crew often or sometimes affect ship operations.

One officer "had observed other officers degrade to near senselessness while attempting to safely navigate a ship — because of leadership's disregard of sleep requirements," the officer told the GAO.

"The Navy is not ensuring that its sailors are sufficiently rested for optimal performance and safety," the GAO concluded in a report released Thursday.

While the service has taken steps to collect more information on fatigue in the surface fleet, it is not "measuring and managing fatigue in a timely manner," the report said.

The Navy committed to a comprehensive review of the ill effects of sleep deprivation following two separate deadly collisions in 2017 involving the guided-missile destroyers USS Fitzgerald and USS John S. McCain, in which a combined 17 sailors died.

In both cases, bridge watchstanders had little to no sleep the night before the collisions, which impaired their situational awareness and ability to react to an emergency.

Overwork and training defi-

ciencies were other root causes in the incidents, the Navy review found.

Sleep deprivation can impair job performance, yet active-duty service members are twice as likely as civilians to go without enough shut-eye, said a Pentagon report to Congress earlier this year.

The GAO's review from 2019 to 2021 was aimed at determining to what extent the Navy has acted to address sailor fatigue, resize surface ship crews to handle workload and improve training in the surface fleet.

Much of the report addressed fatigue. After the 2017 collisions, the Navy directed commanding officers to establish a seven-hour sleep minimum, limit continuous work shifts to no more than eight hours and limit workdays to no more than 12 hours.

But those practices have been

implemented inconsistently, the GAO found after surveying surface warfare officers who had been to sea in the last 12 months and who were responsible for managing the sailors who stand watch over critical ship functions.

Among its findings: Only 40% of Navy surface ships had implemented a seven-hour sleep minimum and less than 20% had limited workdays to a maximum of 12 hours.

"We estimate that 86% of officers received less than the target seven hours of uninterrupted sleep a day, and that most of these respondents were not able to supplement their lack of sleep with a two-hour continuous nap, per policy," the report said.

Both the Navy and GAO found that sailors spent the majority of their day working, which allowed for limited personal time, including sleep.

Drone attacks alarming US forces in Iraq

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — U.S. military officials in Iraq have grown increasingly alarmed over attacks by Iran-backed militias using drones to evade detection systems around military bases and diplomatic facilities.

In place of rockets, militiamen have turned at times to small, fixed-wing drones that fly too low to be picked up by defensive systems, military officials and diplomats say. An official with the U.S.-led coalition described the evolving drone threat as the military mission's biggest concern in Iraq.

In April, a drone strike targeted a CIA hangar inside the airport complex in the northern city of Irbil, according to officials familiar with the matter. The drone's flight was tracked to within 10 miles of the site, but its path was then lost as it moved into a civilian flight path, the coalition official said. The drone's remains were partially reco-

vered, and preliminary analysis suggested it was made in Iran, a coalition official said. The attack deeply concerned White House and Pentagon officials because of the covert nature of the facility and the sophistication of the strike.

Although no one was harmed in the strike, it prompted a long night of deliberations over how to respond, according to Western officials. Some U.S. officials advocated serious consideration of a military response, including the National Security Council's coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa, Brett McGurk, said two people familiar with the matter. The Biden administration ultimately decided against taking military action.

A similar drone attack in May on the sprawling Ain al-Asad air base raised similar concerns among coalition commanders about how militias are adapting their tac-

tics, according to officials and personnel on base.

Rocket attacks by Iran-backed groups have at times killed American servicemen and Iraqi security personnel and civilians, prompting retaliatory military action from the United States and pushing Washington and Tehran to the brink of outright conflict on Iraqi soil.

In the absence of effective defenses, the drone threat now raises the prospect of a sudden escalation of violence. Each fresh attack triggers a flurry of communication as U.S. officials seek to determine whether Americans have been killed or injured.

"The death of an American is their red line," said one Western official, speaking on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the issue. "The first question the Americans always ask is: what was the casualty's nationality?"

Armored vehicle maker to pay \$50M in fraud case

BY WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

An Illinois-based maker of military vehicles agreed to pay \$50 million to resolve allegations that it defrauded the Marine Corps with inflated prices during a contract modification for a suspension system on armored vehicles, the Department of Justice said Thursday.

The claims were brought against Navistar Defense LLC under the whistleblower provisions of the False Claims Act by Duquoin Burgess, a former government contracts manager for Navistar, the DOJ said.

Under those provisions, a private party can file an action on behalf of the United States and receive a portion of any recovery, and Burgess will receive a little more than \$11 million out of the settlement, the DOJ said.

Navistar admitted no liability in the settlement, the DOJ said.

“During negotiations for the modification, Navistar was asked to provide sales information on the contract parts to assess the reasonableness of Navistar’s proposed prices,” the DOJ said. “The United States

alleged that Navistar knowingly created fraudulent commercial sales invoices and submitted those invoices to the government to justify the company’s prices.”

The U.S. government alleged the sales for those receipts never actually occurred but that the government had relied on the documentation in agreeing to meet Navistar’s inflated prices, the DOJ said.

Navistar’s 2007 contract called for it to build several hundred Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected, or MRAP, vehicles for the Marine Corps to replace Humvees, which were vulnerable to roadside explosive devices.

Under the modified contract, the Marine Corps paid Navistar about \$30,000 more than the typical price for a suspension system, spending almost \$120 million extra for that component, according to the complaint filed in the case.

Navistar Defense LLC denied any wrongdoing in an emailed statement to Stars and Stripes.

“We believe the allegations were mistaken and misplaced as we know our pricing was fair, reasonable, and competitive,” the statement said.

Navy adds more walk-in clinics for birth control

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
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VICENZA, Italy — The U.S. Navy has expanded its number of walk-in contraceptive clinics in an effort to make getting birth control more accessible and convenient and reduce the number of unintended pregnancies.

One of the latest to open is at the U.S. Navy hospital in Naples, where service members and TRICARE eligible women and adolescents can get a variety of contraceptives, including long-acting reversible contraceptives such as implants and IUDs, with no appointment or referral required.

“This novel clinic concept was designed to fulfill unmet patient needs with the goal of reducing barriers to care, expanding access for our beneficiaries and ultimately, improving readiness of our members and their families,” said Capt. Kristina Morocco, an obstetrician at the Naples hospital.

“So far our patients have provided tremendous positive feedback and report improved satisfaction with their care due to the increased convenience, access, and availability of contraception care,” she said.

So far, the clinics remain primarily a Navy benefit, which together with the Marine Corps has about 25 of them.

Naples is the service’s second contraceptive walk-in clinic in Europe, following one at Naval Station Rota in Spain. The first walk-in clinic opened in 2016 at Naval Medical Center San Diego; three years later the initiative was recognized by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists with a \$10,000 award.

The initiative was begun to address unintended pregnancy rates among service women that have been substantially higher than in the civilian population, resulting in reduced readiness, negative career impacts, and, for those deployed, delayed prenatal care. Up to 68% of single active duty women have reported that their pregnancy was unplanned, compared to 51% of the general population.

The clinics have proven popular with women who’ve used the service said a 2019 study of a walk-in clinic at the Naval Hospital in Okinawa, Japan.

Fully vaccinated shoppers can go maskless at Navy Exchange stores

BY WYATT OLSON
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The Navy Exchange is dropping a coronavirus mask mandate for its fully vaccinated customers and employees, although installation commanders have the final say at local stores.

“This new policy will go into effect when the Commanding Officer of that installation deems appropriate, and at no instance prior,” the Navy Exchange Service Command announced in a statement Thursday. “For those locations where masks are still required, NEXCOM will follow all set guidance within those facilities.”

The command oversees about 14,000 per-

sonnel and operates six business lines around the world, with the most public-facing being the Navy Exchange retail stores and Navy Lodges.

Because individual locations may have a specific mask policy based on directives by base leaders, signs have been placed at the entryways at all lodges and exchange stores stating the policy in effect at that particular outlet, the statement said.

All patrons and employees not fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks while at indoor Navy Exchange Command facilities, the statement said.

Navy Exchange barbers and beauticians will continue to wear masks.

Marines honor fallen from Belleau Wood

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — A group of about 100 Marines, some wearing military uniforms from World War I, came together Sunday at an American cemetery in France to pay tribute to fellow Marines who died 103 years ago in the Battle of Belleau Wood.

Marines from the 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division Band and Marine Forces Europe and Africa were joined by members of the French and German military during a ceremony at Aisne-Marne American Cemetery to honor service members

who fought in the 1918 battle, which was considered a turning point in World War I.

During the Battle of Belleau Wood, Marines and soldiers fought against German forces after they breached the Western Front and came within 45 miles of Paris. The bloody battle lasted about three weeks and claimed nearly 10,000 American lives.

On Sunday, Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Sallee, based out of Stuttgart, wore a World War I uniform and had his portrait painted by the unit historian, whose artwork of costumed Marines will either be used later within the unit or offered

as gifts.

“Getting to put on a uniform from that time [is] amazing,” said Sallee, a future plans and concepts chief with Marine Forces Europe and Africa. “It brought a surreal sense to me, and it continually makes me appreciate that much more, everything I think people don’t appreciate.”

Sallee said putting on the historical uniform “brings back a sense of realism of history long lost.”

Another Marine, who is part of the joint color guard, was excited to attend the ceremony for the first time.

“It makes me feel excited to

be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime chance for myself and my fellow Marines,” said Lance Cpl. Carlos Rivera, an administrative specialist with U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa. “Honestly, it gives me chills, and I feel honored to be [at Belleau Wood] today.”

Traditionally when this ceremony takes place, Marines drink from the Bulldog fountain to remember those that fought in this battle over a century ago.

It is believed that Marines received the nickname “Devil Dog” from German forces during the battle.

Yokosuka-based officer taken into custody after car accident kills woman

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TOKYO — A U.S. sailor assigned to Yokosuka Naval Base was in Japanese police custody Sunday following a vehicle accident that took the life of an 85-year-old woman and injured two others.

Lt. Ridge Hannemann Alkonis, 33, was arrested at 2:40 p.m. Saturday on suspicion of “injuring people by driving a car,” a police spokesman for Fujinomiya, a city about two hours southwest of the naval base, said Sunday.

Alkonis — who since April has served as a weapons officer aboard the destroyer USS Benfold, according to his LinkedIn profile — allegedly drove his car into a restaurant parking lot in the city’s Yamamiya district at about 1 p.m. Saturday, striking five empty vehicles and three pedestrians, the spokesman said.

One of the pedestrians, an 85-year-old woman, died that

afternoon at a nearby hospital, the spokesman said. Also taken to the hospital were a man, 54, who suffered serious injuries, and a woman, 53, who had minor injuries.

Alkonis was not injured, the spokesman said. It’s customary in Japan for some government officials to remain anonymous when speaking with the media.

An investigation is ongoing, the spokesman said.

The Navy is cooperating with Japanese police, who are taking the lead on the investigation, Naval Forces Japan spokeswoman Cmdr. Katie Cerezo said in an email Sunday.

“We are aware that a U.S. Navy Sailor stationed on board Fleet Activities Yokosuka was involved in a fatal vehicle accident in Fujinomiya City,” she wrote.

Cerezo declined to confirm Alkonis’ name or other details in a follow-up email, referring all questions to Japanese police.

At least 2 dead, over 20 hurt in Florida shooting

Associated Press

HIALEAH, Fla. — Two people died and an estimated 20 to 25 people were injured in a shooting outside a banquet hall in South Florida, police said.

The gunfire erupted early Sunday at the El Mula Banquet Hall in northwest Miami-Dade County, police told news outlets.

The banquet hall had been rented out for a concert. Three people got out of an SUV and opened fire into a crowd outside with assault rifles and handguns, police director Alfredo “Freddy” Ramirez III said. Authorities believe the shooting was targeted.

“These are cold blooded murderers that shot indiscriminately into a crowd and we will seek justice,” Ramirez said in a tweet.

Two people died at the scene, police said. As many as 25 people went to various hospitals for treatment.

No arrests were immediately announced.

“This is a despicable act of

gun violence, a cowardly act,” Ramirez told the Miami Herald.

“This type of gun violence has to stop. Every weekend it’s the same thing,” Ramirez said during an early morning news conference.

Gov. Ron DeSantis commented on the shooting on Twitter.

“We mourn the loss of the two victims and are praying for the recovery of the more than 20 people injured at El Mula Banquet Hall near Hialeah. We are working with local authorities to bring justice to the perpetrators. Justice needs to be swift & severe!” DeSantis tweeted.

Businessman and TV personality Marcus Lemonis, star of “The Profit,” took to Twitter to offer a \$100,000 reward to help authorities capture the suspects.

Gun violence ushered in the Memorial Day weekend in South Florida when dozens of shots were fired outside another gathering in Miami’s Wynwood area. The shooting late Friday killed one person and injured six others.

Capitol rioters defense: Election misinformation

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Falsehoods about the election helped bring insurrectionists to the Capitol on Jan. 6, and now some who are facing criminal charges for their actions during the riot hope their gullibility might save them or at least engender some sympathy.

Lawyers for at least three defendants charged in connection with the violent siege tell The Associated Press that they will blame election misinformation and conspiracy theories, much of it pushed by then-President Donald Trump, for misleading their clients. The attorneys say those who spread that misinformation bear as much responsibility for the violence as do those who participated in the actual breach of the Capitol.

“I kind of sound like an idiot now saying it, but my faith was in him,” defendant Anthony Antonio said, speaking of Trump. Antonio said he wasn’t interested in politics before pandemic boredom led him to conservative cable news and right-wing social media. “I think they did a great job of convincing people.”

The defendants represent only a fraction of the more than 400 people charged in the failed attempt to disrupt the certification of Biden’s victory. But their arguments highlight the important role that the falsehoods played in inspiring the riot, especially as many top Republicans try to minimize the violence of Jan. 6 and millions of others still wrongly believe the election was stolen.

At least one of those charged plans to make misinformation a key part of his defense.

Albert Watkins, the St. Louis attorney representing Jacob Chansley, the so-called QAnon shaman, likened the process to brainwashing or falling into the clutches of a cult. Repeated exposure to falsehood and incendiary rhetoric, Watkins said, ultimately overwhelmed his client’s ability to discern reality.

“He is not crazy,” Watkins said. “The people who fell in love with (cult leader) Jim Jones and went down to Guyana, they had husbands and wives and lives. And then they drank the Kool-Aid.”

Antonio, 27, was working as a solar panel salesman in suburban Chicago when the pandemic shut down his work. He and his roommates began watching Fox News almost all day long, and Antonio began posting and sharing right-wing content on TikTok.

Even though he’d never been interested in politics before—or even voted in a presidential election—Antonio said he began to be consumed by conspiracy theories that the election was rigged.

Court records portray Antonio as aggressive and belligerent. According to FBI reports, he threw a water bottle at a Capitol police officer who was being dragged down the building’s steps, destroyed office furniture and was captured on police body cameras yelling, “You want war? We got war. 1776 all over again” at officers.

Antonio, who wore a patch for the far-right anti-government militia group The Three Percenters, is charged with five counts, including violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and obstruction of law enforcement during civil disorder.

Restrictions ease as vaccines rise

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Just in time for Memorial Day weekend, more U.S. cities and states are shrugging off lingering COVID-19 restrictions as vaccination rates rise and the number of infections falls.

Massachusetts lifted a mask requirement Saturday, a day after New Jersey dropped its mandate. In New York City and Chicago, officials reopened public beaches, though winds and cool temperatures kept crowds away.

For businesses nationwide, the improving outlook and long holiday weekend offered a chance to welcome customers back to in-person shopping.

Midtown Scholar Bookstore in Harrisburg, Pa., opened its doors to customers for the first time in nearly 14 months Friday. Masks are still required.

The business had switched to internet orders, sidewalk sales and virtual author events to survive the pandemic.

“We had to get creative, we had to pivot,” store manager Alex Brubaker said. “Our readers and our customers have been incredible. It’s a rainy weekend, but the bookstore is full.”

Minnesota lifted all statewide coronavirus restrictions for bars and restaurants Friday, though local governments can maintain their own social distancing and mask rules.

Vermont boasts the nation’s highest vaccination rate, with nearly 70% of its residents having received at least one dose. The governor is expected to drop all pandemic-related restrictions once 80% of Vermont’s eligible population has received at least one dose, a milestone the state expects to hit this week.

Texas GOP muscles new voting bill through

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Republicans in the Texas Senate muscled one of the most restrictive new voting laws in the United States to the cusp of the governor’s desk early Sunday, approving fewer ways to cast a ballot and more criminal penalties after rushing the bill to the floor in the middle of the night.

The sweeping measure, known as Senate Bill 7, passed along party lines around 6 a.m. after eight hours of questioning by

Democrats, who have virtually no path to stop it from becoming law. But the bill must still clear a final vote in the Texas House later Sunday in order to reach Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who is expected to sign it.

Under revisions during closed-door negotiations, Republicans added language that could make it easier for a judge to overturn an election and pushed back the start of Sunday voting, when many Black churchgoers head to the polls. The 67-page measure would also eliminate drive-thru voting

and 24-hour polling centers, both of which Harris County, the state’s largest Democratic stronghold, introduced last year.

The bill would newly empower partisan poll watchers by allowing them more access inside polling places and threatening criminal penalties against elections officials who restrict their movement. Republicans originally proposed giving poll watchers the right to take photos, but that language was removed from the final bill that lawmakers were set to vote on this weekend.

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Man on scooter leads police on pursuit

MA MEDFORD — A man on a motorized scooter led police on a pursuit through several Massachusetts towns, at one point driving in the wrong direction on an interstate highway, before troopers stopped him, according to a statement from state police.

The 28-year-old man, described as “emotionally distraught” by police, was taken to the hospital for an evaluation after he was pulled off the scooter in Medford just north of Boston, according to a statement from state police spokesperson David Procopio.

The pursuit started in Danvers when local police attempted to stop the man, who reportedly had a knife and had threatened to harm himself.

Swastika spray-painted on Holocaust Museum

FL ST. PETERSBURG — Vandals spray-painted a swastika and “Jews are guilty” on a wall at the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg, police said.

Patrol officers spotted the graffiti around 4 a.m., the St. Petersburg Police Department said.

The incident is being investigated as a hate crime, news outlets reported.

McDonald’s employees hold one-day strike

CT HARTFORD — Workers from McDonald’s restaurants at two Interstate 95 rest stops held a one-day strike to protest what they

contend are attempts to stop them from unionizing and to demand hazard pay for working during the pandemic.

The small group of workers, from restaurants on I-95 in Darien and Branford, rallied at the state Capitol with members of Local 32BJ of the Service Employees International Union, which is helping their efforts to unionize.

Franklin Souls, a union spokesperson, said workers at the restaurants who support the union have had their hours cut and been harassed by supervisors.

‘Power Pack’ claims \$731M Powerball jackpot

MD BALTIMORE — An anonymous group that nicknamed themselves “The Power Pack” has stepped forward to claim the largest prize in the Maryland Lottery’s history.

The Maryland Lottery announced that the winners of the \$731.1 million Powerball Jackpot have come forward four months after the winning ticket was purchased Jan. 20 at Coney Market in Lonaconing.

The winners chose the \$546.8 million lump sum cash option, which is about \$366.6 million after federal and state taxes.

Teen charged after gun found in backpack

ND WILLISTON — A 15-year-old boy accused of bringing a gun to Williston Middle School was arrested and charged, police said.

Williston police responded to a report of a weapon on school property. Officers on scene dis-

covered a firearm within a backpack.

Williston Middle School and Bakken Elementary School were placed on lockdown during the incident. No injuries were reported.

Graduating class has record number of siblings

WI ONALASKA — The graduating class at Onalaska High School has a unique place in the school district’s history.

When the seniors cross the graduation stage at the La Crosse Center, a record number of siblings will be among the class of about 250 students — eight sets of twins and one set of triplets.

“In my career I have never seen so many sets of multiples in one class,” said senior class adviser Bridgett Hubbard.

“It’s pretty crazy. I don’t know a lot of sets of twins that don’t go to this school district,” said Aidan Oelke who is graduating with his twin Erin.

Illegal piranha found in university’s lake

LA BATON ROUGE — A piranha has been found in a lake at Louisiana State University, and fisheries agents are looking in case there are more, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries said.

The red piranha was probably a pet that someone released into University Lakes, a news release said.

Piranhas are native to the Amazon Basin in South America, and it’s illegal to possess or sell them in Louisiana, the department said.

BLM sign stolen from church, noose left behind

MA DANVERS — The theft of a Black Lives Matter sign from a Massachusetts church and a rope fashioned into what appeared to be a noose left dangling from a church sign are being investigated as a possible hate crime, local authorities said.

The theft and rope was reported by a volunteer at the Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church in Danvers, according to a statement from town officials.

“We reject such acts of cowardice and want to be clear that this type of hateful and discriminatory behavior has no place in Danvers or any community,” read the statement, signed by the town manager, select board chair and police chief.

Lawyer fined after finger gesture at opposition

MI LANSING — The Michigan Court of Appeals fined an attorney \$3,000 for raising his middle finger while an opposing lawyer was speaking during a virtual hearing.

James Heos also was referred to the Attorney Grievance Commission for possible further discipline following the incident, the Detroit Free Press reported.

Heos, 74, of East Lansing, said he made the gesture at his malfunctioning computer screen and had no idea that the three judges or anyone else could see him.

When questioned during the hearing, Heos claimed he was “pointing” at his computer screen.

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Embiid, 76ers rout Wizards

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Joel Embiid shook off the jeers from a missed dunk and made sure he did not miss his next attempt. After throwing the ball down through the rim, he cupped his hands to his ears to encourage the crowd.

“I had the opportunity where I actually made a dunk, so that’s why I went over to them and I wanted to hear more boos,” Embiid said.

Some boomed. Many 76ers fans chanted “M-V-P! M-V-P!” in Embiid’s direction. After another valuable performance, Philadelphia is one victory away from a first-round sweep.

Embiid set a career playoff high with 36 points, and the Sixers routed the Washington Wizards 132-103 on Saturday night to take a 3-0 series lead. Embiid scored 25 points in the first half and finished 14 of 18 from the floor in 28 minutes before resting the entire fourth quarter.

That’s the second-fewest minutes by a player who scored 35-plus points since the NBA’s shot-clock era began in 1954.

“I can’t imagine anybody playing better than him,” Wizards coach Scott Brooks said. “That was MVP-level tonight. He’s definitely a handful.”

Embiid missing only three shots apart from the botched dunk made it almost impossible to guard the Sixers’ other stars. Ben Simmons scored 14 and had nine assists, Tobias Harris had 20 points, 13 rebounds and five assists, and Danny Green made five three-pointers to finish with 15.

The 76ers shot 58.6% from the field, including 51.5% from three-point range.

“When you shoot the ball that well, you’re going to win a lot of games,” coach Doc Rivers said. “We had one of those nights where everything fell for us.”

Bucks sweep Heat

Associated Press

There was no raucous celebration. No histrionics, no big on-court party when the final horn sounded in Miami and Milwaukee had officially avenged its playoff loss to the Heat last season.

Put simply, the Bucks expected to win.

And the last four games showed exactly why.

The Bucks-Heat rematch was a mismatch, and Milwaukee became the first team to advance in this season’s playoffs by beating Miami 120-103 on Saturday to complete a 4-0 first-round sweep. Brook Lopez scored 25 points, Bryn Forbes scored 22 and Giannis Antetokounmpo had a triple-double — 20 points, 12 rebounds and 15 assists — for Milwaukee.

“Obviously, it’s a great moment for us and winning 4-0, beating the team that beat us last year, feels good,” Antetokounmpo said. “But at the end of

the day, we’ve got a long way to go.”

Bam Adebayo scored 20 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for Miami, which got 18 points from Kendrick Nunn, 14 from Tyler Herro, 13 from Goran Dragic and a triple-double — 12 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists — from Jimmy Butler.

“We tip our hat to the Bucks’ organization,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “They were a great team last year and they improved on that. Whether we were a part of that improvement or not, it’s irrelevant. They took their game collectively to another level. They beat us for a reason.”

Once Milwaukee grabbed the first three games, history said the result was inevitable. NBA teams with 3-0 series leads are now 141-0 all-time in those matchups, with these Bucks becoming the 88th of those teams to finish off matters with a sweep.

Jazz go up 2-1 on Grizzlies

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Donovan Mitchell says he’s working his way back to his All-Star level.

To the rest of the Utah Jazz, he looks just like himself.

Mitchell scored 10 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and the top-seeded Utah Jazz knocked off the Memphis Grizzlies 121-111 on Saturday night to take a 2-1 lead in the first-round playoff series.

“Donovan was Donovan down the stretch,” Jazz guard Mike Conley said.

This was the second game back for Mitchell, who missed the final 16 games of the regular season and the first game in this series with a sprained right ankle. He was a bit more stoic in this game, and he said it was to help preserve himself for the end of games.

“It’s a long game,” Mitchell said. “It’s been a while and just getting back into it. That’s really it.”

Conley, in Memphis where he started his career, matched his regular-season and playoff career highs with seven three-pointers and finished with 27 points.

Rudy Gobert had 15 points and 14 rebounds, Bojan Bogdanovic and Jordan Clarkson added 15 apiece, and Royce O’Neale had 12.

Game 4 is Monday night in Memphis.

Ja Morant led Memphis with 28 points, and Dillon Brooks had 27 before fouling out. Grayson Allen added 17 off the bench, hitting five threes. Kyle Anderson had 11 points and 13 rebounds, and Jonas Valanciunas had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Blazers even series with Nugs

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Usually the chants in Portland are for star Damian Lillard. On Saturday Norman Powell was treated to the crowd’s adulation.

Powell matched his career playoff high with 29 points and the Trail Blazers beat the Denver Nuggets 115-95 on Saturday in Game 4 to even the first-round series.

“I love these types of games, these kinds of moments. It’s the moment where nothing else matters,” Powell said. “You get caught up in the course of the season with stats sometimes, this-that-and-the-other, road trips, but when you get into the playoffs, the only thing that matters is winning.”

Powell made four three-pointers and was 11 of 15 from the floor. When he left the floor with the game well in hand, fans chanted “Nor-man Pow-ell! Nor-man Pow-ell!”

“I thought it was really dope,” he said. “At first I didn’t know what they were saying when I was sitting there, and then the guys on the bench were chanting as well so that got a little smile out of me.”

CJ McCollum added 21 points for the sixth-seeded Trail Blazers. The series shifts to Game 5 on Tuesday night in Denver.

Nikola Jokic finished with 16 points and nine rebounds for third-seeded Denver before sitting out the final quarter. He was the Nuggets’ top scorer.

Lillard was 1-for-10 from the field but finished with 10 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds. He also sat for the final quarter after the Blazers led by as many as 33 points in the third.

“We got our butts whooped tonight so that should be all the motivation we need,” Denver’s Jamal Murray said. “I mean it was embarrassing. So when we go home we gotta be the aggressors.”

Pastrnak has hat trick as Bruins take Game 1

Associated Press

A six-day layoff in between games did nothing to slow the Boston Bruins and David Pastrnak.

Pastrnak got his second career playoff hat trick and the Bruins opened the second round of the playoffs with a 5-2 win over the New York Islanders on Saturday night.

"I think our guys responded well. They're a veteran-enough group to understand what's at stake," Boston coach Bruce Cassidy said. "We figured there'd be a little bit of the battles, the jostling, getting bumped below the goal lines both offensively and defensively, that that might take a little getting used to again."

There was plenty of jostling, bumping and some all-out hitting as the Boston-New York rivalry returned to the postseason again. It was extra special in Boston on Saturday, when Massachusetts lifted COVID-19 restrictions and capacity limits, and TD Garden was again open for fans to pack the house — just as they used to.

The Bruins, who hadn't played since clinching their first round series against Washington last Sunday, soaked up the en-

ergy and kept up the pace throughout all three periods, outshooting the Islanders 40-22 and taking a 1-0 lead in the best-of-7 series.

"That was obviously a little fun," Pastrnak said. "Outstanding to have the fans back. You could feel the energy already this morning. We were all excited."

Charlie McAvoy and Taylor Hall also scored for the Bruins, and David Krejci had three assists. Patrice Bergeron had a pair of assists for the Bruins, who will host Game 2 on Monday night.

"The energy, the atmosphere was everything we expected and more. To say that we've missed them is an understatement," Bergeron said. "I think you appreciate it even more when the fans kind of are taken away from the game a little bit for quite some time and you have to play without them."

Anthony Beauvillier also scored for the Islanders, Jordan Eberle had two assists and Ilya Sorokin finished with 35 saves, keeping New York in it through the first 40 minutes despite the onslaught of shots from the Bruins.

Osaka fined \$15K for skipping news conference after opening win

Associated Press

PARIS — Naomi Osaka was fined \$15,000 at the French Open for skipping a post-match news conference after her first-round victory Sunday — and threatened by all four Grand Slam tournaments with stiffer penalties, including being defaulted, if she continues to avoid meeting with the media.

The fine will come out of Osaka's prize money and was announced in a joint statement from the president of the French tennis federation, Gilles Moretton, and the heads of the other majors.

The statement said Osaka has been "advised" that "should she continue to ignore her media obligations during the tournament, she would be exposing herself to possible further Code of Conduct infringement consequences."

Citing the rule book, the statement notes that "tougher sanctions" from "repeat violations" could include default — being disqualified from the tournament — and "the trigger of a major offense investigation that could lead to more substantial fines and future Grand Slam suspensions."

Osaka vowed in a Twitter post Wednesday she would not be doing the news conferences at Roland Garros. That didn't mean she was able to entirely elude any question about her problems playing on red clay.

Osaka returned to Roland Garros after skipping the trip last time, turning in a mistake-filled 6-4, 7-6 (4) victory over 63rd-ranked Patricia Maria Tig at Court Philippe Chatrier on Day 1 in Paris.

After the 2020 French Open was pushed to a September start with a limit of 1,000 spectators per day because of the coronavirus outbreak, things were closer to normal Sunday: It was a sun-kissed May day and more than 5,000 fans permitted, with a delay of only a week this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

While not quite back to its packed pre-pandemic self, Roland Garros did bubble with cheers and tennis.

Other results perhaps were more newsworthy than a straight-set win by the No. 2-ranked Osaka — three-time major champion Angelique Kerber's third straight first-round loss in Paris, for example — but the events that unfolded after the Japanese superstar's match were of high interest.

Canadiens win in OT, force Game 7 with Maple Leafs

Associated Press

MONTREAL— Jesperi Kotkaniemi scored at 15:15 of overtime and the Montreal Canadiens beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-2 on Saturday night to force Game 7 in the first-round series.

Corey Perry and Tyler Toffoli also scored and Carey Price made 41 saves in front of the first Canadian hockey crowd since the start of the pandemic.

With his team outshot 13-2 and struggling to generate anything in the extra period, Kotkaniemi ripped a shot past Jack Campbell's glove side after Toronto defenseman Travis Dermott turned the puck over to Paul Byron.

"It's pretty unbelievable," said the 20-year-old Kotkaniemi, who was a healthy scratch in Game 1. "Remarkable ... it's a great feeling. Especially when the fans are

in the stands. Gives you goosebumps."

Jason Spezza and T.J. Brodie scored for Toronto, beating Price with under 10 minutes to go in regulation to tie it. Campbell stopped 28 shots.

"The crowd and the push at the start was significant for them," Maple Leafs coach Sheldon Keefe said. "We've got to be a whole lot better."

Game 7 is Monday night in Toronto, with the winner facing Winnipeg. Also an overtime winner in Game 5 in Toronto, the Canadiens are looking to come back from a 3-1 series deficit to win for the third time in franchise history.

"There's no quit in this group," said Montreal captain Shea Weber, who played more than 37 minutes. "We grinded. (Price) kept us in it, especially in overtime there when they were pushing and gave us a chance."

Meadows helps hot Rays top Phillies

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Austin Meadows drove in his third run on a tiebreaking infield single during a two-run eighth inning and the Tampa Bay Rays won for the 14th time in 15 games, 5-3 over the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday.

Randy Arozarena had a leadoff single in the eighth and advanced to third on a wild pitch by Sam Coonrod (0-2). After Yandy Díaz was intentionally walked with one out, Meadows made it 4-3 with his hit off José Alvarado.

“Randy going first to third right there, his awareness was really huge,” Meadows said. “We were able to just put the ball in play.”

Tampa Bay took a two-run lead when Alvarado walked pinch-hitter Mike Brosseau with the bases load.

Diego Castillo (1-3) worked out of a two-on, two-out jam in the eighth for the Rays, who have won three in a row after Kansas City stopped their 11-game winning streak on Tuesday. J.P. Feyereisen worked the ninth to get his second save.

Philadelphia starter Zack Wheeler gave up three runs, four hits, two walks and struck out a career-high 14 over seven innings.

Matt Joyce homered for the Phillies, who struck out 15 times. Tampa Bay struck out 16 times.

Mets 13, Braves 2: Francisco Lindor, James McCann and Jonathan Villar hit three of the Mets' season-high five homers, Tajuan Walker pitched five scoreless innings in his return from the injured list and host New York won its fourth straight as word spread that Atlanta star Marcell Ozuna had been arrested.

Ozuna was charged with aggravated assault strangulation and misdemeanor battery/family violence, according to Fulton County Jail records in Georgia.

Brandon Drury and Billy McKinney piled on with homers during the Mets' seven-run sixth inning.

Giants 11, Dodgers 6: Donovan Solano and Evan Longoria homered, Logan Webb pitched five sharp innings and visiting San Francisco won consecutive games at Dodger Stadium after losing the first four in the season series.

Mike Yastrzemski hit two doubles and Wilmer Flores had three of the Giants' 16 hits.

Webb (4-3) held the Dodgers to just one hit and one earned run. He struck out seven, walked non.

Albert Pujols hit his 669th career home run and doubled, and is tied with Babe Ruth for the fourth most extra-base hits in major league history with 1,356. Pujols drove in three runs.

Pirates 7-4, Rockies 0-0: Mitch Keller and the Pittsburgh bullpen finished off a pair of seven-inning shutouts in a sweep of visiting Colorado.

After JT Brubaker excelled to win the opener and end Pittsburgh's six-game losing streak, Keller was equally impressive.

The Pirates shut out a team in both games of a doubleheader for the first time since Oct. 3, 1976, against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Pittsburgh pitchers combined to hold Colorado to just six total hits. The Rockies have lost five in a row.

Brewers 4-6, Nationals 1-2: Luis Uriás went 3-for-3 with two RBIs, including the tiebreaking double in a four-run sixth inning, and visiting Milwaukee swept a doubleheader from Washington.

Leadoff batter Kolten Wong also had three hits and drove in two runs for the Brewers in the nightcap. Lorenzo Cain was 3-for-3 and scored twice.

Freddy Peralta pitched his first major league complete game in the opener. Milwaukee (27-25) is two games over .500 for the first time since May 13.

The Nationals, who 0-5 in seven-inning games this season, dropped to 21-27 and are in last place in the NL East.

Tigers 6, Yankees 1: Jonathan Schoop homered and Spencer Turnbull pitched well into the sixth inning as host Detroit beat New York.

Turnbull (4-2) allowed one run on three hits and three walks in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out six.

White Sox 7-3, Orioles 4-2: Billy Hamilton hit a solo home run, Jose Abreu had a two-run homer, and Lance Lynn pitched five scoreless innings to help host Chicago complete a doubleheader sweep of Baltimore.

In the opener, Jake Lamb and Yoán Moncada homered, with Abreu driving in three runs for the White Sox.

Chicago has won five of six after getting swept by the New York Yankees last weekend. The Orioles have lost 12 straight for their longest losing streak since dropping 13 in a row from Sept. 17-30, 2009.

Lance Lynn (6-1) became the fifth White Sox pitcher to go 5-0 in May.

Twins 6, Royals 5: Rookie Trevor Larnach homered and Rob Refsnyder drove in

two runs as host Minnesota hung on to beat Kansas City.

Nelson Cruz had an RBI double that drove in Josh Donaldson with a notable run — it was the 2 millionth run scored in Major League Baseball history.

Cubs 10, Reds 2: Joc Pederson, Ian Happ and Eric Sogard each drove in two runs, and host Chicago beat Cincinnati Reds for its season-high sixth consecutive victory.

Rafael Ortega homered and Kris Bryant had a run-scoring single, helping the Cubs improve to 18-7 this month.

Angels 4, Athletics 0: Shohei Ohtani hit a key two-run single, Alex Cobb struck out eight in seven scoreless innings to win consecutive starts for the first time this season, and visiting Los Angeles beat Oakland, stopping a two-game skid.

The Angels are 22-8 when scoring four or more runs and avoided matching the club's season-low at eight games below .500.

Red Sox 3, Marlins 1: Nathan Eovaldi went 5 1/3 scoreless innings and host Boston beat Miami.

Bobby Dalbec, Kevin Plawecki and Hunter Renfroe each had an RBI single for Boston, which won for the seventh time in nine games and posted its ninth straight home victory over the Marlins in front of an announced crowd of 25,089.

Padres 11, Astros 8 (12): Fernando Tatis Jr. launched a monstrous, three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to tie it, Wil Myers hit a three-run drive in the 12th and visiting San Diego beat Houston.

Myers connected against Ralph Garza Jr (0-1), sending a drive just over the glove of leaping right fielder Kyle Tucker for his fifth home run.

Mariners 3, Rangers 2: J.P. Crawford and Mitch Haniger homered late, and Seattle sent Texas to its 11th straight road loss.

The Rangers managed four hits in their fifth consecutive defeat overall. They matched the second-longest road skid in team history, an 11-game stretch in 1982. The team record is 12 in 2003.

Crawford hit a solo homer in the seventh to break a 1-all tie and Haniger added his 14th of the season in the eighth.

Cardinals 7, Diamondbacks 4: Tyler O'Neill homered for a third straight game, Yadier Molina had three RBIs and visiting St. Louis sent Arizona to its 13th straight loss.

The Diamondbacks are stuck in their longest losing streak since dropping a franchise-record 14 consecutive games in 2004.