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## Unemployment among recent vets improves

USA Today

An era of high unemployment for those who served during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars appears to be over, according to federal statistics showing jobless rates for those veterans are now on par with those of civilians.

The unemployment rate for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans was lower in October — at 4.6 percent — than the national average of 5 percent. That percentage was the lowest for the group since October 2007, when it was at 4.4 percent two months before the recession began.

There were 1.5 million veterans of the two wars in 2007. Today, there are 3.8 million.

“They’ve certainly come out of the kind of hangover of the post-recession period, and they now seem to be improving on par with the rest of the workers in the coun-

try,” said James Borbely, an economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics who studies veteran data. “It’s improvement in employment, it’s not the case where they’re dropping out of the labor force.”

Monthly jobless rates for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans climbed as high as 15 percent in 2010 and 2011, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data. For those between the ages of 18 and 24, it was even higher. Federal jobs data show periods when as many as 1 in 3 veterans in the younger age group were without work. That rate was more than double compared with that of civilians of the same age.

Last month, the jobless rate for veterans in that age group was 10.4 percent, nearly identical to the 10.1 percent unemployment figure for civilians in the same bracket.

The struggle to find work became part of the national narrative for this generation of veterans, along with concerns about high

suicide rates, post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

The high jobless rate led to legislation in 2011 requiring all troops to go through military-to-civilian transition programs. New government and private-sector initiatives also aimed to hire more veterans.

“The [Department of Defense] has gotten a lot smarter about preparing servicemembers for transition,” said Terry Gerton, deputy assistant secretary for policy for veterans employment and training at the Department of Labor. “Partnerships across the government have been more powerful and persistent [in helping veterans find work], and then you just have a tremendous commitment on the part of the civilian sector to come through with jobs for veterans, to hire and to train them and to really understand that veterans make great employees.”

## Some vets downplay service, hide injuries in civilian jobs

Bloomberg News

Almost a third of U.S. veterans in civilian jobs hide their war injuries from employers and many downplay their military service to get along with co-workers, according to a new study by the Center for Talent Innovation.

Minority veterans are more uneasy at work than whites, the survey said. More than 40 percent of Hispanic veterans said they try to mask their experience as soldiers to avoid being judged as gun-loving or aggressive. About 57 percent of working veterans don’t aspire to move up in their jobs; 39 percent of those who do feel stalled.

U.S. companies from Capital One Financial Corp. to Wal-Mart Stores have hired millions of men and women returning from wars in the Middle East and Afghanistan in the last decade, prodded by Obama administration tax incentives of up to \$9,600 per person.

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“It’s quite a culture shock to move from the military to the civilian world,” said Linda Huber, chief financial officer of Moody’s Corp., who rose to captain while in the Army from 1980 to 1984. “Veterans can be very careful about saying too much about their status.”

Thirty percent of recruiting budgets at U.S. companies now fund programs to bring in veterans, according to CTI, a New York-based nonprofit that advises companies on diversity. About 21 million veterans work in the U.S., including 6.5 million from the first and second

Gulf Wars and 9.2 million who served in Vietnam, Korea and World War II, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Veterans often don’t stay with their first employer, according to a 2014 survey by Institute for Veterans and Military Families and VetAdvisor. About 28 percent said they lasted six months or less in their first job and another 16.3 percent remained only seven to 12 months. CTI did its study in June and July among 1,022 U.S. military veterans who are now working in full-time salaried positions.

Some companies are focused

on keeping the workers they train. Prudential Financial Inc., the second-largest U.S. life insurer, offers internships for enlisted military personnel to work toward an entry-level full-time job at the company. Retention has been about 75 percent, with 88 interns hired and another 50 in the pipeline, the company said.

Almost two-thirds of CTI survey respondents said they lack the sense of purpose in their civilian jobs that they found in the military. That’s key to understanding them, said John Muckelbauer, staff counsel for Veterans of Foreign Wars, a group with 1.7 million members around the world. Soldiers have to get used to the lower intensity, he said.

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## 5 women fail Ranger course

*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — The Army's Ranger School opened to women on a permanent basis last week, and the initial results showed two things: The course remains difficult, and the service faces a dilemma in terms of how much attention it draws to the women who are attending.

Five women were members of the course that began Nov. 1, said Brig. Gen. Malcolm Frost, the Army's director of public affairs. None of them made it past the initial four-day Ranger Assessment Phase, commonly known as "RAP Week."

The news, first reported by USA Today, follows the historic completion of the course this year by three women who attempted Ranger School after the Army opened the school to women in April, part of an ongoing assessment of how to better integrate women into the military. Opening the school was considered temporary at the time, but the Army made it permanent in September after the first two women graduated in August.

Bob Purtiman, a spokesman at Fort Benning, Ga., the home of the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade that runs Ranger School, said 417 students started the class Nov. 1, and 199 will be moving on to the first of three full phases at Ranger School. Purtiman declined to tell The Post — and other new outlets, including Army Times — how many of them were women, saying "it's back to business as usual" at Ranger School.

"It's now an integrated course," Purtiman said Friday. "They will train males or females. It doesn't matter who shows up. That's how we're treating it."

The Army does not have to release the names of students attending because it is personally identifiable information. But the military has released breakdowns of gender-specific data in the past.

# Veterans Day has global impact

*Staff and wire reports*

Americans at home and abroad marked Veterans Day on Wednesday by remembering the contributions of those who served in uniform.

In Kabul, Afghanistan, coalition troops paid homage to soldiers who died in past wars, as well as to comrades who have paid the ultimate price in Afghanistan. A ceremony at the headquarters of the NATO-led Resolute Support mission marked a day known variously as Remembrance or Armistice Day for many European and

commonwealth allies and Veterans Day in the United States.

Nov. 11 first became a military holiday to mark the armistice at the end of World War I. In the United States, it is celebrated as a day to honor veterans who have served in the military, while other countries remember servicemembers who have died in war.

The solemn assembly in Kabul braved a gray rain and winter temperatures to say prayers, lay wreaths and recite the names of roughly two dozen coalition servicemembers who have died in the past year, most

of them after the coalition declared an end to its combat mission in Afghanistan.

At Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, President Barack Obama urged the nation to keep veterans in their thoughts long after Veterans Day and to ensure that they receive the care and benefits they've earned, The Associated Press reported.

At Luxembourg American Cemetery, volunteers from the 52nd Fighter Wing at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, served as an honor flight and gave a 21-gun salute.

## Vote means A-10s could be safe for long time

*Detroit Free Press*

WASHINGTON — The Warthog jet is safe — for the time being — thanks to a 91-3 vote on a defense authorization bill in the U.S. Senate on Tuesday. But the news may be better than that.

Air Force Gen. Herbert Carlisle, head of Air Combat Command, suggested Tuesday that new demands — like the support for troops battling the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq — may lead the Pentagon to decide to keep the Cold War-

era, close-in combat support jets around for several more years.

"One of our challenges today is capacity," Carlisle said Tuesday, according to an article in the Washington publication The Hill. "If you look at the demand signal that's placed on the United States Air Force across all of our mission areas, the demand signal has gone up."

For years, the Pentagon has been planning to retire the fleet of A-10s, considering them too expensive to modernize and saying it needed to begin in-

vesting in more technologically advanced aircraft. Earlier this year, President Barack Obama threatened to veto the annual defense authorization bill in part because it moved to protect the A-10s.

But members of Congress have fought to save the snub-nosed aircraft its pilots admirably refer to as the Warthog, arguing that it remains the best jet available to do its job of close-in support for troops and attacking tanks and other armored vehicles.

## Russia to counter US missile shield with piercers

*Associated Press*

MOSCOW — Russia will counter NATO's U.S.-led missile defense program by deploying new strike weapons capable of piercing the shield, President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday.

Putin told defense officials that by developing defenses against ballistic missiles, Washington aims to "neutralize" Russia's strategic nuclear deterrent and gain a "decisive military superiority."

He said that Moscow will respond by developing "strike systems capable of penetrating

any missile defenses."

"Over the past three years, companies of the military-industrial complex have created and successfully tested a number of prospective weapons systems that are capable of performing combat missions in a layered missile defense system," Putin said. "Such systems have already begun to enter the military this year. And now we are talking about development of new types of weapons."

His statement comes amid a severe strain in Russia's relations with the U.S. and its NATO allies, which have plunged to

the lowest point since the Cold War over the crisis in Ukraine.

For many years, the Kremlin has protested the U.S.-led missile shield, voicing concern that it could eventually become capable of intercepting Russia's nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missiles, thus eroding the strength of the nation's nuclear deterrent.

Washington, in turn, has argued that the shield was aimed to fend off missile threats from nations such as Iran and North Korea and wouldn't be capable of dealing with the massive Russian nuclear arsenal.



# Injuries hit AFC North hard

Associated Press

Just as important as filling a roster with skilled players is keeping them healthy.

In no place is that more apparent than the AFC North, which pretty much already has been decided by who has avoided sick bay.

The Bengals are 8-0, but other than line-backer Vontaze Burfict, they've stayed away from impactful injuries. The rest of the division has been a M.A.S.H. unit.

Baltimore is languishing at 2-6 in part because of an epidemic that has cost the Ravens their top defensive player, line-backer Terrell Suggs, and their one elite receiver, Steve Smith. Baltimore has 12 players on injured reserve and, shockingly considering its history for nearly two decades, is in the running for the top overall draft pick.

"You move on, That's what you have to do," coach John Harbaugh says. "It never changes. We're never going to use excuses, we're never going to say that we don't have enough firepower or enough ammunition. We're never going to say that because we don't believe it. We always believe that we've got players in the pipeline that can get the job done."

Cleveland also has been ravaged. Quarterback Josh McCown's gutsy display on the field despite a shoulder problem was admirable, if somewhat counterproductive. Star cornerback Joe Haden is battling concussion issues, as is safety Donte Whitner. Coach Mike Pettine is fortunate if he can find 11 supposedly healthy players to start on defense.

Then there's Pittsburgh, which saw Le'Veon Bell, its 2014 All-Pro running back, go out with a torn-up knee in Week 8. Now, it's QB Ben Roethlisberger, who already missed four games with a knee issue and hurt his left foot on Sunday. He's gone for at least one game, and with the Steelers at 5-4, that's a huge deal for their playoff chances.

Pittsburgh has remained competitive because of an improved defense, the magnificence of receiver Antonio Brown, and the timely signing in the offseason

of DeAngelo Williams as a backup to Bell. But such major injuries eventually catch up to teams, and the Steelers still have Seattle, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Denver on the schedule.

Of course, injuries have not been limited to that division, and several presumed contenders have flopped in great part because of them.

Dallas (2-6) is Exhibit A, with Tony Romo's collarbone following Dez Bryant's broken foot. Bryant is back, Romo will be by the end of the month, but not line-backer Sean Lee, the defensive leader, who is dealing with concussion issues. Even before Bryant and Romo went down, top cornerback Orlando Scandrick was lost for the season with a torn ACL.

The Indianapolis Colts' playoff hopes, and by extension the rest of the woeful AFC South, now reside in the hands of 40-year-old Matt Hasselbeck.

The Colts (4-5) will be without quarterback Andrew Luck for 2-6 weeks with a lacerated kidney and torn abdominal muscle sustained late Sunday in a win over Denver.

Luck's injury comes just as the Colts looked as if they were taking control of this division.

Now the Colts turn to Hasselbeck, hoping the veteran can keep them atop the AFC South until Luck returns.

Another prime example is Buffalo, which is at .500 despite a slew of problems, mostly to the offense. QB Tyrod Taylor (knee), receivers Sammy Watkins (ankle/hamstring), Percy Harvin (knee and hip and now done for 2015) and Marquise Goodwin (ribs), and RBs LeSean McCoy (hamstring) and rookie Karlos Williams (concussion) have been sidelined at various times.

That puts an extra burden on the defense, which is missing tackle Kyle Williams (knee) and safety Aaron Williams.

Some teams have the good fortune of getting back some key performers. Giants DE Jason Pierre-Paul, who blew off a finger and damaged his right hand in a

July 4 fireworks accident, made his regular-season debut Sunday.

As we move into the stretch drive, here's a look at other injuries that could have the biggest effect on the playoff races:

**LB Demarcus Ware, Broncos:** A balky back could plague one of the leaders of Denver's staunch defense, and disrupt the pass rush.

**DE Charles Johnson, Panthers:** He's on short-term IR and could bolster an already solid, big-play defense on the NFC's only unbeaten team.

**OT Jason Peters, Eagles:** No one wants to lose their blind-side quarterback protector.

**OT Nate Solder, and RB Dion Lewis,**

**Patriots:** Ditto for the Patriots, except they find ways to plug in linemen. Running backs, too, but replacing the versatility shown by Lewis could be difficult.

**C Nick Mangold, Jets:** The most efficient Jets blocker has been slowed by neck issues. Not good on a run-oriented team.

**LB Alec Ogletree, Rams:** St. Louis' most versatile defender should return by the end of the season. Will the Rams still be in the wild-card race?

**DT Harry Anderson and DE Arthur**

**Jones, Colts:** Anderson was a revelation as a rookie, and Jones will continue being missed in the trenches.

**RB Arian Foster, Texans:** A team with uncertain quarterbacking can't afford to lose its top runner.

**QB Teddy Bridgewater, Vikings:** Minnesota's turnaround could be short-circuited if Bridgewater's concussion sidelines him for a while.

**RB Jamaal Charles, Chiefs:** Kansas City is on the periphery of the wild-card chase, but not likely to stay there minus its best playmaker.

**DE Cameron Wake, Dolphins:** Miami also is a long shot for the postseason, and Wake's injury really lengthens the odds.

# Ryan's decision irks Jets

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Calvin Pryor is no fan of Rex Ryan's selection of Ikemefuna Enemkpali as a game captain for the Buffalo Bills.

The New York Jets safety, who played under Ryan last season, said it's "kind of disrespectful."

"At the same time, he has his reasons," Pryor said after practice Tuesday. "It doesn't matter. We still have to play the game on Thursday night."

The Jets and Bills play in prime time, and Ryan's decision has ramped up the hype for the game. Enemkpali made headlines during training camp with the Jets when he punched quarterback Geno Smith and broke his jaw. The Jets immediately released the linebacker, and Ryan claimed him off waivers the next day.

While Ryan insists he is just sticking to his normal practice of making players captains against their former teams or in their hometowns, Pryor thinks it sends a bad message.

"You have a guy you know who was once here and hit a teammate," Pryor said. "To make him a captain going into this game, if you're going to make him a captain, just make him a captain. You don't have to announce it on Monday for the whole world to know. But that's his decision and we have to move forward."

Pryor also wasn't surprised Ryan made the call to have Enemkpali be one of the players to go out to midfield at MetLife Stadium for the coin toss.

"That's just Rex being Rex," said Pryor, who might not play after missing the last two games with a high ankle sprain. "Over the years, he's had his antics, but that's Rex being Rex."

Smith shrugged at the whole situation, saying he doesn't think anything much of the decision, adding he doesn't take it personally. He also said he has forgiven Enemkpali for the punch, but isn't sure if the two will speak if they come across each other during warmups.

"That's like asking me what I'm going to eat for lunch tomorrow," Smith said.

Pryor heard about Ryan's decision while watching television and scrolling through Twitter on Tuesday while Ryan was doing his daily news conference. That's when the safety tweeted: "The guy does anything for attention."

Reporters got wind of the tweet and told Ryan about it during his news conference, and the Bills coach responded playfully that Pryor was just mad because Clemson — where Ryan's son plays — defeated Louisville — Pryor's alma mater — this season.

Pryor was the Jets' first-round draft pick last year and struggled as Ryan and defensive coordinator Dennis Thurman played him mostly at free safety instead of his natural strong safety spot because of personnel issues. During a conference call with Jets reporters, Ryan reiterated he thought the Jets' 2013 draft class was "A-plus," but added of last year's selections: "Not so much."

# Indianapolis loses Luck for 2 to 6 weeks

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Two days after celebrating their biggest win of the season, the Indianapolis Colts dealt with their biggest loss.

Franchise quarterback Andrew Luck is expected to miss at least two to six weeks with a lacerated kidney and a partially torn abdominal muscle, injuries he sustained late in Sunday's victory over Denver.

"When you take a hit to a franchise quarterback, it is a tough blow," coach Chuck Pagano said Tuesday. "We've been through a lot in this 2015 season, but I know this will galvanize us even more."

Pagano said he believed Luck was injured in the first minute of the fourth quarter when he tried to scramble for a first down near the Denver goal line.

Linebacker Danny Trevathan squared up on Luck from the front while defensive end Vance Walker hit Luck hard on the side of his left shoulder, bending him over awkwardly.

The hit immediately drew gasps inside Lucas Oil Stadium. But Luck broke the 17-17 tie on the next play with an 8-yard pass to Ahmad Bradshaw, his second TD throw of the game. He never came out and continued to take some big hits.

Afterward, Pagano said, Luck complained of soreness. When he arrived at the team complex Monday feeling worse, Luck was sent for additional tests that revealed the injuries. Luck is not expected to need surgery. He was not available in the locker room Monday and did not mention any potential injury in his postgame news conference.

The six-week timetable could be ag-

gressive because the Colts will be cautious about bringing Luck back.

"We're going to keep listening to the doctors and evaluating his progress on a week-by-week basis," Pagano said. "We've got all the confidence in the world in Matt Hasselbeck and we're not going to put Andrew back out there until he's healed and ready to go."

The timing couldn't be worse for Indianapolis (4-5), which was hoping to return from this week's bye and build momentum with a favorable schedule. Instead, one week after firing offensive coordinator Pep Hamilton and replacing him with Rob Chudzinski, the Colts are now forced into changing quarterbacks.

The 40-year-old Hasselbeck takes over, as he did last month when Luck missed two games with an injured right shoulder. Hasselbeck won both.



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# Irish into top 4 in CFP rankings

Associated Press

Notre Dame moved into the top four in the second College Football Playoff selection committee rankings of the season Tuesday night.

Clemson remained No. 1, with Alabama moving up two spots to No. 2, Ohio State staying at No. 3 and the Fighting Irish up a spot to No. 4.

Notre Dame and Alabama each has one loss.

Unbeaten Iowa received an eye-catching promotion, rising four spots to No. 5. Baylor is the highest-ranked Big 12 team at No. 6.

Two previously unbeaten teams tumbled. LSU, No. 2 last week, dropped to No. 9 after losing at Alabama, and Michigan State, which was No. 7, dropped to No. 13.

Takeaways from the second playoff rankings:

**Eye on Hawkeyes.** One of the biggest surprises was Iowa's rise to No. 5 after winning 35-27 on the road against an Indiana team that is 0-5 in Big Ten play. Committee chairman Jeff Long pointed out the Hawkeyes have beaten two top 25 teams on the road (Wisconsin and Northwestern), and Iowa's strength of schedule is No. 2 behind Clemson among the six remaining unbeaten teams.

"It's a recognition by the committee that they were increasingly impressed by Iowa and their body of work," Long said. "Three teams lost ahead of them, so we felt they needed to move up."

Last week Long said the committee had concerns about Iowa's offense.

"We recognize they are consistent on both sides of the ball," he said Tuesday. "They aren't flashy, but they are consistent."

**Big 12 blues.** Barring upsets, Notre Dame's promotion to No. 4 would cause the Big 12 to root for the Pac-12's Stanford

## College Football Playoff rankings

Nov. 10

Team	Record
1. Clemson	9-0
2. Alabama	8-1
3. Ohio St.	9-0
4. Notre Dame	8-1
5. Iowa	9-0
6. Baylor	8-0
7. Stanford	8-1
8. Oklahoma St.	9-0
9. LSU	7-1
10. Utah	8-1
11. Florida	8-1
12. Oklahoma	8-1
13. Michigan St.	8-1
14. Michigan	7-2
15. TCU	8-1
16. Florida St.	7-2
17. Mississippi St.	7-2
18. Northwestern	7-2
19. UCLA	7-2
20. Navy	7-1
21. Memphis	8-1
22. Temple	8-1
23. North Carolina	8-1
24. Houston	9-0
25. Wisconsin	8-2

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will issue weekly rankings each Tuesday, with the final rankings being announced Sunday, Dec. 6. The playoff semifinals will match the No. 1 seed vs. the No. 4 seed, and No. 2 will face No. 3. The semifinals will be hosted at the Orange Bowl and Cotton Bowl on Dec. 31, 2015. The championship game will be on Jan. 11, 2016 at Glendale, Ariz.

to knock off the Irish on Nov. 28. That could create room in the top four for the Big 12 champion, whoever it is.

Baylor is the highest-ranked Big 12 team

at No. 6 for the second straight week, with Oklahoma State No. 8 after being No. 14 in the first rankings.

Some analysts thought Oklahoma State would overtake Baylor, and maybe even move into the top four, after an impressive 49-29 win at home over previously unbeaten TCU.

The committee still likes Baylor more, even though the Bears are yet to beat a team with a winning record.

"Oklahoma State had a good win," Long said. "That's the first piece of real strength we've seen from them, with that win over TCU."

The Cowboys' fate is in their own hands. They host Baylor on Nov. 21. The Bears play their next three games against teams with a combined 25-2 record.

**The Navy what-if.** CFP executive director Bill Hancock said the committee would delay announcing one of the New Year's Six bowls if Navy — the highest-ranked Group of Five member at No. 20 — is still in contention to be the G5 representative on Selection Day on Dec. 6. That's because the Midshipmen's regular season doesn't end until the Army game on Dec. 12.

If Navy is in the mix, the committee would announce the pairing for one of the New Year's Six bowls — either the Fiesta or Peach — and one participant in the other New Year's Six bowl, holding the other spot in that game for the Group of Five rep.

The committee would hold a teleconference on Dec. 12, after the Army-Navy game, and determine if it's necessary to revise the Dec. 6 rankings relative to Navy.

Navy's only loss is to Notre Dame, and the Midshipmen would remain a factor if they win at Houston and win the American Athletic Conference championship game before finishing against Army.

# Westbrook carries Thunder past Wiz

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Kevin Durant drove toward the basket late in the first half Tuesday night, elevated and got fouled. When the play was over, the 2013-14 NBA MVP limped a bit around the court and clutched at his strained left hamstring.

"I came down a little awkward," Durant said, speaking softly in a hallway outside the locker room, "and landed on it a little harder than I wanted to and I pulled it."

After Durant left at halftime Tuesday night because of his injury, Thunder teammate Russell Westbrook took over, compiling a triple-double with 22 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds to lead Oklahoma City to a 125-101 victory over the struggling Washington Wizards.

Durant missed most of last season with a broken right foot that needed three operations, and Westbrook emerged as the league's scoring champion. A similar scenario played out Tuesday, as Westbrook had 10 points, five assists and three rebounds in the third quarter to build a comfortable lead, then rested in the fourth.

"With Kevin not coming out of the locker room in the second half," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said, "I thought our guys came out with great focus."

Durant, second in the NBA in scoring entering the night, had 14 points and 10 rebounds in the first half. Dion Waiters scored 25 points for the Thunder, who had lost three of their past four games and now are 5-3.

They have a couple of days off now, and Durant didn't sound like someone too worried about missing a lot of time with what he said was his first hamstring problem.

He called it a "small injury" and said he was to have an MRI exam Wednesday.

"I mean, I can walk," he said. "I'm a little sore."

Donovan said: "I don't think it's anything too, too serious."

**Pelicans 120, Mavericks 105:** Anthony Davis scored 17 points before leaving at halftime with a bruised right hip as host New Orleans beat Dallas for its first victory of the season.

**Cavaliers 118, Jazz 114:** LeBron James equaled a season high with 31 points as host Cleveland rallied for their seventh consecutive victory.

**Knicks 111, Raptors 109:** Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points, reserve Lance Thomas had 17 as New York handed Toronto its first home loss of the season.

**Heat 101, Lakers 88:** Chris Bosh scored a season-high 30 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for host Miami, and Hassan Whiteside had 19 points and 15 rebounds.

Luol Deng scored 14 and Dwyane Wade had 12 for the Heat, who played hours after trading guard Mario Chalmers and forward James Ennis to Memphis for two players.

**Hornets 104, Timbersolves 95:** Jeremy Lin scored 19 points and Jeremy Lamb added 18 to lead Charlotte to the road win.

**Celtics 99, Bucks 83:** Isaiah Thomas scored 20 points to power visiting Boston to the victory.

David Lee and Evan Turner each had 13 points for the Celtics, and Jared Sullinger finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

# Mrazek, Detroit shut out Capitals

The Associated Press

DETROIT — On a night Alex Ovechkin had a shot to pass his idol, Sergei Fedorov, with the Hall of Famer in the house, a 21-year-old kid broke a scoreless tie with a remarkable goal.

Andreas Athanasiou scored 4:06 into the third period and Petr Mrazek had 38 saves, lifting the Detroit Red Wings to a 1-0 win over the Washington Capitals on Tuesday night.

Athanasiou scored his first career goal in his second NHL game from an improbable angle. He shot from the goal line near the left corner, getting the puck between goaltender Braden Holtby and the left post.

"I threw it on net," Athanasiou said. "And, it was lucky enough to squeak through."

The Capitals started a power play with 5:08 left in the game, but couldn't take advantage even with some of Ovechkin's signature slap shots.

"We had good chances to score," Ovechkin said.

The superstar finished with 15 shots, 11 more than anyone else.

"I knew he was going to shoot from everywhere," Mrazek said.

Ovechkin was on the ice for almost the entire 2-minute man advantage toward the end of the game. He had plenty of chances to score a milestone goal, but was denied by Mrazek. Ovechkin has 483 career goals, tying him with Fedorov for

the most goals in the NHL by a Russian-born player.

"He was my idol when I was growing up," Ovechkin said. "You have a dream just to meet those kind of guys. To have a chance to play with him on the same line on same team, he was the best teammate I had and the best player I played with."

Fedorov dropped the ceremonial first puck and embraced Red Wings star Henrik Zetterberg and Ovechkin, both of whom are former teammates. He was honored by the Red Wings a day after being inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame and was given a rousing, standing ovation before the game.

The Capitals pulled Holtby with 1:15 left to add an extra skater and called timeout 12 seconds later, hoping to come up with a plan to tie the game and send it to overtime.

Detroit didn't let Washington get a puck past Mrazek, who had his first shutout of the season and the sixth of his career.

**Rangers 3, Hurricanes 0:** Henrik Lundqvist made 33 saves for his first shutout this season and 56th of his career, leading host New York to a win over Carolina.

**Sabres 4, Lightning 1:** Rookie Jack Eichel had a goal and an assist to help visiting Buffalo beat Tampa Bay.

**Blues 2, Devils 0:** Jake Allen made 24 saves for his second straight shutout, Martin Havlat scored against his former team and visiting St. Louis beat New

Jersey.

**Canucks 5, Blue Jackets 3:** Brandon Sutter scored the tiebreaking goal with 5:08 remaining, and Jannik Hansen had a career high four points with a goal and three assists, to lift visiting Vancouver to a victory over Columbus.

**Panthers 4, Flames 3:** Jaromir Jagr scored the tiebreaking goal in the third period as host Florida beat Calgary to end a five-game losing streak.

**Avalanche 4, Flyers 0:** Matt Duchene scored twice and Reto Berra made 25 saves to help visiting Colorado start a seven-game road trip with a victory over Philadelphia.

**Wild 5, Jets 3:** Thomas Vanek scored twice during a four-goal frenzy in the second period by host Minnesota on its way to a victory over Winnipeg.

**Predators 7, Senators 5:** Austin Watson had a goal and two assists to lead host Nashville over Ottawa.

**Maple Leafs 3, Stars 2:** Jake Gardiner scored the tiebreaking goal late in the third period as visiting Toronto rallied to defeat Dallas.

**Coyotes 3, Kings 2:** Brad Richardson scored the go-ahead goal with 8:13 left in the third period and Martin Hanzal got his first two goals of the season, leading visiting Arizona over Los Angeles.

**Islanders 4, Sharks 2:** John Tavares scored twice, including 36 seconds into the game, as visiting New York hung on to beat San Jose.