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Human error cited in Kunduz bombing

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A U.S. airstrike that killed 30 people at a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Kunduz was caused largely by human error, and those most closely involved have been suspended, the head of U.S. forces in Afghanistan said Wednesday.

The Oct. 3 strike on the hospital was a “direct result of avoidable human error, compounded by process and equipment failures,” Gen. John Campbell told reporters as he went over the findings of an investigation into the incident.

“In addition, the report found that fatigue and a high operational tempo contributed to this tragedy,” as U.S. and Afghan special operations forces were under sustained attack for five days and nights.

“Multiple errors resulted in mistakes,” Campbell said during a news conference, calling the strike “a tragic but avoid-

able accident.”

Some of the American troops involved failed to follow the rules of engagement and the airstrike was “not appropriate for the threat faced,” Brig. Gen. Wilson Shoffner, Campbell’s deputy chief of staff for communications, acknowledged at the same briefing.

The U.S. special forces commander on the ground did not have authority to call in the strike based on the circumstances, the report said.

Those “most closely associated with the incident have been suspended from their duties,” Campbell said. “Matters regarding individual accountability will be managed in accordance with standard military justice and administrative practices for joint commands.”

Officials would not disclose how many personnel have been suspended or what disciplinary recommendations have been made.

While American officials struck an apologetic tone, in-

sisting they would never intentionally target a hospital, the report’s findings, which contradict some other accounts, may do little to sway critics who say it is hard to understand how well-trained troops with high-tech gear could mistakenly destroy a well-known medical facility.

Investigators determined that a series of errors led the U.S. forces involved to confuse the hospital run by Doctors Without Borders, which goes by its French initials MSF, with an Afghan intelligence headquarters building reportedly occupied by Taliban fighters.

“The medical facility was misidentified as a target by U.S. personnel who believed they were striking a different building several hundred meters away where there were reports of combatants,” Campbell said. “The report also determined that the personnel who requested the strike, and those who executed it from the air, did not undertake appropriate measures to verify that the fa-

cility was a legitimate military target.”

The mistakes began when an AC-130 gunship was scrambled to respond to a report of troops under fire. In the rush, the report found, the crew skipped some basic steps, including a normal mission brief and a review of the “no-strike” list of targets to be avoided, such as the MSF hospital.

Senior Afghan officials have claimed that the hospital compound was being used by Taliban fighters to fire on government forces trying to retake the area. Shoffner refused to comment on the Afghan allegations.

American officers have said Afghan forces requested the strike to take out Taliban firing positions, and U.S. intelligence analysts were reportedly tracking reports of insurgents using the hospital.

MSF officials had no immediate comment Wednesday on the report, saying they were still reviewing it.

Moscow sending anti-missile systems to Syria

The Washington Post

MOSCOW — The Kremlin sharpened its accusations Wednesday in the wake of Turkey’s downing of a Russian warplane, as Moscow’s top diplomat called the incident a “planned provocation” that has dealt a major blow to already fragile relations with NATO.

But Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov also tamped down speculation of a military response by Russia after the jet broke apart in flames along the Turkish-Syrian border. “We’re not going to war against Turkey,” he said after talks with his Turkish counterpart.

Still, Russia moved to strengthen its forces in Syria, saying new anti-missile systems would be deployed at an air base less than 20 miles from the Turkish frontier.

Lavrov’s comments offered the clearest signals that Moscow views the downing as more than an accidental action while Russia steps up its airstrikes in Syria to support the embattled government of President Bashar Assad.

Turkey and its Western allies have backed rebel groups seeking to topple Assad in Syria’s nearly five-year civil war. Pentagon officials, meanwhile,

have raised worries about possible mishaps between Russia’s air campaign and a U.S.-led coalition conducting airstrikes against the Islamic State group.

“We have serious doubts this was an unintended incident and believe this is a planned provocation,” Lavrov said after discussions with Turkey’s foreign minister, Mevlut Cavusoglu.

Earlier, Russian officials said one of two Russian aviators shot down has been rescued following the first downing of one of their planes by a NATO ally since the Cold War. The other airman was killed “in a savage way” by militiamen, claimed

Russia’s ambassador to France, Alexandre Orlov.

During the search-and-rescue mission, a Russian Mi-8 helicopter was blown up, apparently by an anti-tank missile fired by Syrian rebels, killing one Russian marine.

In a show of Russia’s deepening military involvement, it now plans to deploy powerful S-400 anti-missile systems to Russia’s Khmeimim airbase in northwestern Syria. The batteries — with a range of 250 miles — have the potential to create headaches for Turkish and other aircraft in the U.S.-led coalition targeting the Islamic State.

Japan has no plans to patrol in disputed South China Sea

BY WYATT OLSON
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CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — Japan has no plans to conduct freedom-of-navigation patrols near islands claimed by China and other nations in the South China Sea but is contributing to stability in the area in other ways, the country's defense minister said Tuesday.

"I believe it is important for the international community to protect the open, peaceful and free ocean, because this is an important concern on the part of Japan as to the security of sea lanes and freedom of navigation," Gen Nakatani, head of the Japan Defense Agency, said through an interpreter while taking questions from reporters at U.S. Pacific Command headquarters. "As of now, we don't have any specific plan for constant surveillance activity."

Japan's forces are capable of conducting patrols alongside the U.S. if called upon, said Vice Adm. Yasuhiro Shigeoka, Japan Maritime Self-Defense

Force commander.

"We have not been given any specific orders to do something in the South China Sea," he said.

Nakatani, who arrived Sunday on his first visit to Hawaii as defense minister, flew in from Australia, where he met with his counterpart there.

On Monday, Nakatani met with Brig. Gen. Christopher Mahoney, deputy commander of Marine Forces Pacific, and Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander of U.S. Army Pacific. Nakatani visited several military installations, and in the afternoon laid a wreath during a ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Nakatani met for about an hour with PACOM commander Adm. Harry Harris Jr. on Tuesday.

"The importance of the alliance between Japan and the United States cannot be overstated," Harris told reporters before the meeting. "The strong alliance between our two countries has formed a

bedrock upon which security and prosperity in the East Asia region has flourished for the last 70 years."

Neither Harris nor Nakatani mentioned China by name, but that country's claim over most of the South China Sea was the undercurrent of their mutual declarations of defense cooperation. China has been busily expanding mostly submerged reefs in the sea by dredging sand to create small islands on which it has built runways and other facilities.

The sea, with rich fishing grounds and potential petroleum and mineral deposits, is a major shipping lane between Asia and the West where \$1.2 trillion in trade transits each year. The U.S. has been adamant that the sea remain open to shipping, claiming that China has been "militarizing" the artificial islands.

Last month, PACOM commenced patrols near those islands, and President Barack Obama has encouraged America's allies to follow suit.

Fewer in military becoming citizens

The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK, Va. — Danielle Felone left her home in Jamaica four years ago to join her father in New York and become a permanent U.S. resident. While she hoped to pursue a degree in computer science like she was doing in Jamaica, she quickly realized college tuition in the U.S. was more than she could afford.

So she took the advice of her stepmother and in March joined the U.S. Navy, even though she was a foreign citizen. Felone was one of 15 military servicemembers who became naturalized U.S. citizens Nov. 13 during a ceremony in Norfolk.

"I wanted to be a part of something bigger than myself," said Felone, a seaman based at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach who deployed aboard the aircraft carrier Harry S. Truman on Nov. 16. "The cause is always the same, protecting the people, regardless of where you are. I'm serving the country, so why not be a U.S. citizen? Why not be a part of the country that you are trying to serve?"

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services figures show the number of foreigners serving in the U.S. military who become Americans is sharply declining. In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 7,709 became U.S. citizens, down from 9,239 the year before. That's the lowest number since 2007, when 5,895 servicemembers were naturalized.

In Norfolk, full-year statistics for the region were not available as of Nov. 13. But through the first three quarters of the 2015 fiscal year, the number of military naturalization applications approved was 391, a 35 percent decrease from the same period the year before.

Security tight as Brussels schools reopen

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Police armed with automatic weapons guarded schools in the Belgian capital as they reopened Wednesday for the first time since emergency measures were imposed in the wake of the Paris attacks, while Belgian and French authorities continued a hunt for at least two suspects believed directly linked to the killings.

Brussels' subway system also began reopening after a four-day shutdown, with about half of all stations operational. Despite the easing of restrictions, the city remained under the highest threat alert level due to what

authorities have described as a serious and imminent threat of attack. Emergency measures imposed since Saturday had shut down shops, schools and subways.

The threat alert level is to remain in place until at least Monday barring significant developments such as the arrest of suspects linked to the Paris attacks. Meanwhile, the Belgian government has ordered health and emergency services to take precautionary measures to ensure their services aren't infiltrated by extremists.

"We have to be sure that we can see everybody has an identification badge," Health Minis-

ter Maggie De Block told VRT network. "When ambulances arrive, we have to see from where they come, who is in it. Really as a precaution."

Belgian Interior Minister Jan Jambon said raids carried out Sunday night had been designed to foil an imminent attack in Brussels. Authorities had detained 16 people during the raid, but released all but one of them the following day. No explosives or firearms were seized.

"Indeed, there were indications that there would be attacks on Sunday evening and they did not materialize," Jambon said.

Warriors make NBA history with 16th win

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Even though he hasn't been in his usual spot on the bench, ailing coach Steve Kerr has contributed plenty to Golden State's record start.

On Tuesday night, his defending champion Warriors routed the Los Angeles Lakers 111-77 to become the first team in NBA history to begin a season 16-0. Hours earlier, Kerr offered his thoughts — then spent the game behind the scenes still recovering from a pair of back operations as interim coach Luke Walton led the squad to its latest win.

It hasn't been easy to be away as he heals. Kerr's message focused on Golden State's core values:

Joy. Mindfulness. Compassion. Competition.

"He just reminded everybody, he put them up on the white board before we started shootaround and he reminded the guys what those values were," Walton said. "He emphasized to them how proud he was watching them, because we're hitting all four of those values. The first one and the most important one is probably joy. He wants us having fun. It's a long season, this game's meant to be fun.

"When we hit those four things we're not only very tough to beat, but we're very fun to watch, we're very fun to coach, we're very fun to be around, and he just told the guys how happy he was that they're con-

tinuing to do those things."

And there's no doubt these Dubs are the league's most entertaining team, having plenty of fun as they chase far more than this sizzling start in November.

Kerr challenged this group to take it to another level this season and not settle for being the champs, acknowledging the Warriors will get everybody's best shot in every city and at home.

Golden State took that to heart, determined to show that last season was no fluke for a championship-starved franchise that captured its first NBA crown in 40 years.

"It's boggling my mind what this whole team does," said former Warriors star Jason Richardson, who happened to be honored on the record-setting evening. "You always wanted for this organization to be in this position."

For Kerr, mindfulness means not relying on just talent to outdo an opponent or focusing on individual marks. Compassion is for each other and the game of basketball.

"Coach has been great, even behind the scenes. You can tell Luke is kind of an extension from him," guard Klay Thompson said. "It's great to hear from him again just to reiterate what we're all about. That's what's carried us over the top and we want to continue to do those four things."

The next team with a chance to beat

Golden State will be the Suns on Friday in Phoenix. After that, the Warriors return home to host Sacramento on Saturday. They are 19-4 in the second game of back-to-backs dating to last season, including 4-0 this season.

"So far we've been unblemished and done everything we need to do to get 16 wins. Hope to make that 17 on Friday," said NBA MVP Stephen Curry, who rested the entire fourth quarter and still had 24 points and nine assists. "There most likely will come a time we take a loss and have to deal with the emotions of that, just like we have in years past."

The Warriors surpassed the 15-0 starts by the 1948-49 Washington Capitols and 1993-94 Houston Rockets. Golden State was already the first defending champion to start this well.

"Yeah, it's going real well, keep my fingers crossed," Warriors ambassador Al Attles said of this special team, gesturing by crossing his fingers on both hands. "I do the best thing: sitting up here watching them. Keep fingers crossed nobody gets hurt and just keep on going."

Kobe Bryant was limited to four points on 1-for-14 shooting to match the worst-shooting performance of his career in a game when he had at least one basket. He figures Golden State might need something to happen to keep things going at some point.

"You've got to have some kind of in-

ternal conflict thing, keeps the team on edge," Bryant said. "Because if not it becomes so easy you just kind of coast, you kind of fall into a malaise."

That hasn't been a problem so far.

The Warriors want to show they're here to stay and poised to push well beyond that 67-win season of a year ago that ended with the franchise's first title since 1975.

A sellout crowd of 19,596 that was really closer to 20,000 with standing-room-only ticket sales loved every minute of the latest milestone.

What might be next — a record 33-game winning streak or 72 total wins?

"Anything's possible," Walton said. "Eventually we will lose."

No celebration, not yet. No tattoos to commemorate this accomplishment.

"Absolutely not 'cause if we get 16-0 tattooed in there and we don't win an NBA championship, who cares about them 16 games?" forward Draymond Green said. "At the end of the day it's 16 wins in the month of November."

But everybody involved knows full well that Kerr's fingerprints are all over this record.

"Everywhere it can possibly be," Green said. "What he's done, with this organization, he's kind of helped set a standard."

Walton echoed that sentiment. "Everything we do," he said, "Steve has his hands on."

George nets 40 as Pacers top Wizards

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Indiana forward Paul George thinks his team doesn't get enough attention.

With more nights like Tuesday, the Pacers will.

George scored a season-high 40 points and made seven three-pointers, part of a franchise-record 19 by the Pacers in a 123-106 victory over the Washington Wizards.

C.J. Miles added 32 points, his most since joining the Pacers before the start of last season, as Indiana won for the ninth time in 11 games following an 0-3 start.

"We always get overlooked," George said. "We're still getting used to the system, but now we're flowing."

Miles was 8 of 9 from beyond the arc, and George also missed only once from deep as the Pacers tied their season scoring high set Saturday against Milwaukee.

Indiana also finished 73.1 percent (19 of 26) from three-point range, crushing their previous season high of 44.4 percent (12 of 27).

"First time I've seen something like that," said George, smiling and shaking his head.

Said frustrated Wizards guard Bradley Beal: "When I'm standing this close to you and you're still making shots, I mean, what else do you want us to do?"

Gary Neal scored 23 points off the bench for the Wizards, whose three-game win-

ning streak was snapped.

Beal added 20 points and John Wall scored 18 for Washington, which has lost five of its six games when it allows more than 110 points.

"We have to let this one go," said Wizards coach Randy Wittman, who at times this season has criticized his team's defense. "I thought our guys played hard, I don't have a problem with that. We just ran into a hot team shooting the ball."

Even with George and Miles combining to shoot a perfect 9 of 9 beyond the arc before halftime, the Wizards remained close for much of the first half and even led for stretches of the second quarter before the Pacers pulled away.

Miles finally missed his first three-point attempt midway through the third, but answered with his seventh and longest of the game to beat the shot clock and make it 81-74.

George's turnaround jumper later in the quarter pushed it to 86-77, and then his pull-up three from the left wing made it 91-81, the first double-digit lead for either team.

"We've been talking about making people try and pick their poison," Miles said of his partnership with George. "There's a lot of space out there when he does what he does. I just try and move in the gaps and find spaces and be aggressive when I get my chances."

Grizzlies 110, Mavericks 96: Mike Conley scored 21 points, Jeff Green added

19 and seven Memphis players reached double figures in a victory over visiting Dallas.

Marc Gasol had 15 points and 10 rebounds for Memphis, which won its fifth in the last six games.

Matt Barnes and Mario Chalmers added 14 points apiece, and JaMychal Green contributed 13.

Raymond Felton and J.J. Barea each scored 16 points and tried to pull the Mavericks back into the game in the fourth quarter. Dirk Nowitzki finished with 14 points and Zaza Pachulia had 13, both also grabbing 10 rebounds.

Wesley Matthews had 11 points and Deron Williams finished with 10 as Dallas lost its second straight.

Hawks 121, Celtics 97: Paul Millsap scored 25 points, Jeff Teague added 16 and host Atlanta beat Boston.

Atlanta had dropped four of five and was coming off a loss Saturday at Cleveland in which coach Mike Budenholzer was ejected and subsequently fined \$25,000 for bumping into referee Ben Taylor.

The Hawks essentially put the game out of reach with an 18-3 run that made it 100-80 with 6:20 remaining on Teague's three-point play.

Avery Bradley had 15 of his 25 points in the first half for Boston, which has dropped three of four. Isaiah Thomas scored 14 points as the Celtics, who began the game ranked ninth in opponent scoring, allowed a season high in points.

Bulls 93, Trail Blazers 88: Jimmy Butler scored 22 points, Derrick Rose added 17 in his return to the lineup and visiting Chicago held off Portland.

Rose had missed two games with a left ankle injury.

His floating jumper stretched Chicago's lead to 78-65 early in the fourth quarter, but Portland rallied within 78-76 on Ed Davis' tip shot.

Damian Lillard missed a three-pointer to tie it for Portland with 2:25 left, then missed the second of a pair of free throws with 20.7 seconds left that would have also pulled the Blazers into a tie.

Lillard finished with 19 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists, but shot 4 of 22 from the field. CJ McCollum added 18 points.

Clippers 111, Nuggets 94: Blake Griffin and DeAndre Jordan each scored 18 points as Los Angeles beat host Denver to end a three-game losing streak.

Jordan finished with 11 rebounds and four blocks, while Griffin had 10 rebounds. Chris Paul had 15 points and 10 assists to give the Clippers three players with double-doubles.

The Clippers, who hadn't been under .500 this far into a season under coach Doc Rivers, made eight 3-pointers after coming into the game at 31.3 percent.

Danilo Gallinari led Denver with 20 points and had a career-high 18 rebounds.



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Oklahoma, Iowa climb playoff rankings

Associated Press

Oklahoma moved into third and Iowa was fourth in the College Football Playoff rankings as Notre Dame slipped to No. 6 on Tuesday night.

Clemson and Alabama remained the top two teams in the third-to-last selection committee rankings.

The Sooners (10-1) seem to be in solid shape with only one game to play. Oklahoma is at Oklahoma State on Saturday with a chance to win the Big 12. The Cowboys dropped to 11th after losing for the first time this season.

The committee is not hung up on the Sooners' October loss to Texas.

"They have performed at a high level since then, so they've overcome that loss with their play on the field and the success they've had and the wins they've accumulated, with now six wins over teams with .500 or better records," said committee chairman Jeff Long, the Arkansas athletic director.

Long said the committee took into account that Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield sat out the second half of the Sooners' victory against TCU last Saturday. Oklahoma was in control of the game when Mayfield was playing, Long said.

Notre Dame (10-1) also plays its last game of the season Saturday, a possible résumé-builder against Stanford, which is ninth in the rankings.

Unbeaten Iowa (11-0) and No. 5 Michigan State (10-1) can setup a possible playoff play-in game in the Big Ten championship if both win this weekend.

What else you need to know about the latest rankings with two weeks left in the season:

OU is not TCU: Last season TCU was third in the second-to-last playoff rankings and slipped to sixth in the final

rankings, behind Ohio State and Baylor.

That has Big 12 fans understandably wondering if the league is set up for another fall from No. 3 even if the Sooners take care of business in Stillwater.

It is not the same situation. Oklahoma is in better position. Here's why:

Last season the committee liked TCU more than Baylor all season, despite the Bears beating the Horned Frogs in October. In the very last rankings, when Baylor's and TCU's schedule were almost identical, the committee finally honored the head-to-head result and placed Baylor ahead of TCU. The Bears and Frogs shared the Big 12 title.

The Sooners won't get tangled in that mess. The Big 12 is now using head-to-head tiebreakers. Oklahoma is set to be the conference's one true champion.

Baylor's very weak nonconference schedule last season also left it susceptible to being slighted by the committee. The Sooners have no such problem, with a win at Tennessee (7-4) to their credit.

If committee members were looking for an alternative to Baylor on championship weekend last year, they found it in Ohio State. The Buckeyes' 59-0 victory against Wisconsin in the Big Ten title game with a backup quarterback was maybe the most impressive performance of the season by any team.

Notre Dame would be in the role of Ohio State this season, but it's not quite the same. First off, the Irish don't have the extra game to make a last and lasting impression with the committee on championship weekend.

Also, Stanford and Oklahoma State are similar opponents.

Last season TCU finished with a weak Iowa State team. Baylor faced a good Kansas State team at home, posted a solid win, but still was being dragged down by its non-conference schedule.

Unless the Irish can do to the Cardinal what the Buckeyes did to the Badgers, it would be hard for the committee to explain reversing course on the Sooners at this point.

Big Ten vs. Notre Dame: When Ohio State was unbeaten, it looked as if the final spot would come down to Notre Dame or the Big 12 champion.

Now it looks as if the Irish's path to the playoff goes through the Big Ten. They could be blocked without an upset or two over the next couple weeks.

Michigan State plays Penn State on Saturday and Iowa is at Nebraska on Friday. If both win, that sets up a Big Ten championship game with unbeaten Iowa against Michigan State at 11-1. Again, unless Notre Dame posts a monstrous blowout of Stanford, jumping the Big Ten champ looks very difficult.

The Irish might be able to get some help from their rivals. USC plays UCLA on Saturday for the Pac-12 South. Also, Navy will play for the American Athletic Conference championship if it beats Houston on Friday. Victories for the Trojans and Midshipmen would enhance two of Notre Dame's best wins.

Lurking: Stanford and Baylor looked done a couple of weeks ago when they both lost on the same Saturday night.

A couple weeks later both are lurking and the two could combine to make a fascinating decision for the committee.

An Oklahoma loss and a Notre Dame loss could leave Baylor (9-1) and Stanford (9-2) vying for the last playoff spot as conference champions. This might not bode well for the Big 12, again. Stanford's schedule strength would trump Baylor's and could give the committee ample reason to look past the number in the loss column — which it has shown it is more than willing to do.

Labissiere leads No. 1 Kentucky

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky was less-than-impressive in its season debut at No. 1. Still, the Wildcats remained undefeated.

Freshman center Skal Labissiere scored 16 points to lead Kentucky past Boston University 82-62 on Tuesday night, one day after the Wildcats took over the top spot in The Associated Press poll.

Kentucky (5-0) struggled to put away the feisty Terriers early but outscored them 42-29 in the second half and took over down the stretch.

"I thought we defended really well in the second half," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "We did a much better job the second half kind of guarding and wearing them down."

Labissiere finished 7-for-13 from the field and grabbed seven rebounds.

"I missed a lot of easy shots," he said. "We have been working on going against a zone (defense) a lot. I was more comfortable, but I just missed some shots."

Labissiere provided a big boost for Kentucky, which scored 58 points in the paint against the Terriers' zone.

"He really hurt us," Boston University coach Joe Jones said. "Just his length — he reminds me of Sam Perkins. He has a very soft touch and is a very skilled player. He's hard to guard. I really like him as a player and think his upside is phenomenal at the next level."

Tyler Ulis added 15 points for Kentucky, and Alex Poythress had 14 points and 10 rebounds off the bench for his second straight double-double.

"He was a beast like we need him to be," Labissiere said. "That's what he can do."

Jamal Murray scored 12 points and Isaiah Briscoe had 11. Kentucky, which spent all of last season ranked No. 1,

closed with a 22-9 run.

No. 2 Maryland 77, Illinois State 66: Rasheed Sulaimon scored 18 points and Melo Trimble added 15 to help Maryland in the Cancun Challenge.

With the game tied at 62, back-to-back three-pointers by Jared Nickens and Sulaimon gave the Terrapins (4-0) a six-point cushion with 3:45 left.

The Redbirds (2-3) tried to rally, but too many turnovers (17) hampered them.

No. 5 Kansas 92, UCLA 73: Perry Ellis scored 24 points on 9-for-12 shooting and Kansas had another easy win on the way to the Maui Jim Maui Invitational championship game.

The Jayhawks (3-1) were to play No. 19 Vanderbilt for the title Wednesday night.

Frank Mason III had 16 points, Wayne Selden Jr. scored 15 and Sviatoslav Mykhailiuk had 13 for Kansas in a game that wasn't as close as the final score.

No. 7 Oklahoma 96, Incarnate Word 63: Buddy Hield scored 22 points to help the Sooners (3-0).

Hield shot 7-for-12 from the field and had six rebounds and five assists in 22 minutes. The preseason first-team All-American is averaging 25.3 points through three games.

No. 9 North Carolina 80, Kansas State 70: Justin Jackson scored 22 points, Kennedy Meeks added 15 and North Carolina used a 21-3 finishing run in the CBE Classic title game.

Theo Pinson scored 11 and Brice Johnson had 10 points for the Tar Heels (5-1), who trailed 67-59 with just more than 4 minutes remaining before their game-ending charge.

Kamau Stokes hit six three-pointers and finished with 24 points for the Wildcats (4-1), but the freshman also committed a pair of costly turnovers in the closing minutes.

No. 13 Indiana 83, St. John's 73: Yogi Ferrell had 22 points and seven assists to lead Indiana in the consolation round of the Maui Jim Maui Invitational.

Freshman center Thomas Bryant had a career-high 19 points on 7-for-9 shooting for the Hoosiers (4-1).

Indiana was to play UNLV for fifth place on Wednesday.

N.C. State 83, No. 22 LSU 72 (OT): Anthony "Cat" Barber scored 20 points and North Carolina State needed overtime.

Five players reached double figures for N.C. State (3-2), which led by 12 early in the second half. Barber scored six of his points in overtime when the Wolfpack outscored the Tigers by an 18-7 margin.

LSU star freshman Ben Simmons fouled out early in overtime but had his fourth double-double. He finished with 14 rebounds and 10 assists.

No. 19 Vanderbilt 86, Wake Forest 64: Wade Baldwin IV and Damian Jones each scored 17 points, and Vanderbilt easily handled Wake Forest in the semifinals of the Maui Jim Maui Invitational.

Jones, who grabbed 10 rebounds, was 6-for-10 from the field and Baldwin was even better at 6-for-8. The Commodores (5-0) were never threatened in the second half and led by as many as 24 points.

No. 24 Cincinnati 64, Southeastern Louisiana 49: Troy Caupain and Jacob Evans III scored 15 points apiece, and host Cincinnati overcame low-percentage shooting.

Playing as a ranked team for the first time in two seasons, the Bearcats (5-0) struggled to make shots and led by only three points midway through the second half.

Ducks get past Flames

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Anaheim Ducks haven't lost at home to Calgary in nearly 12 years, and their top line kept the streak alive with a phenomenal finish.

Rickard Rakell and Corey Perry scored two goals apiece, and the Ducks rallied from a third-period deficit for their 21st consecutive home victory over the Flames, 5-3 Tuesday night.

Captain Ryan Getzlaf tied a franchise record and personal best with five assists for the Ducks, who haven't lost a regular-season game to Calgary at Honda Center since Jan. 19, 2004.

Getzlaf, Perry and Rakell had the biggest night yet for their still-unfamiliar line combination, racking up 10 points and leading a dominant third-period rally back from a 3-2 deficit. The Ducks made such comebacks regularly last season, but they've been scarce during their mediocre start to the new campaign.

"It was big to play from behind and have the belief in the locker room that we could come back," Getzlaf said. "We have to be able to maintain throughout a hockey game. We did a better job of that tonight. Not all night, but we did a lot better job."

The Ducks' home streak against the Flames is the NHL's longest in a two-team series since Philadelphia won an NHL-record 23 straight over Pittsburgh in the 1980s.

Senators 7, Stars 4: Jean-Gabriel Pageau scored two third-period goals and Ottawa held off host Dallas.

Ottawa was outshot 37-20 but scored three unassisted goals after takeaways, one on the power play and another short-handed, by Pageau.

Craig Anderson made 33 saves in his third straight win.