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## French SWAT teams move on terrorist cell

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SAINT-DENIS, France — Heavily armed French SWAT teams swooped in Wednesday and neutralized a cell that was planning to launch new attacks, firing 5,000 rounds during an hourslong battle that left at least two people dead, including a woman who exploded an explosives belt, a prosecutor said.

The raid had targeted the suspected planner of the attacks, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, 27, but his fate remained unclear.

Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said the identities of the dead were still being investigated, but that neither Abaaoud nor the fugitive attacker Salah Abdeslam was in custody.

“At this time, I’m not in a position to give a precise and definitive number for the people who died, nor their identities, but there are at least two dead people,” Molins told reporters.

Molins said heavily armed police squads initially were thwarted by a reinforced door to the apartment in the Saint-Denis neighborhood north of Paris and faced nearly incessant fire as they worked to enter.

Earlier, the prosecutor said the raid was launched after information from tapped telephone conversations, surveil-

lance and witness accounts indicated that Abaaoud might be in a safe house in the Saint-Denis suburb.

Investigators have identified Abaaoud, a Belgian of Moroccan descent, as the chief architect of Friday’s attacks in Paris, which killed 129 people and wounded 368 others.

A U.S. official briefed on intelligence matters said Abaaoud was a key figure in an Islamic State external operations cell that U.S. intelligence agencies have been tracking for months.

Abaaoud is believed to have escaped to Syria after a January police raid in Belgium, but he has bragged in Islamic State propaganda of his ability to move back and forth between Europe and Syria undetected.

The site of Wednesday’s raid is just over a mile from the Stade de France soccer stadium. Three suicide bombers blew themselves up outside the stadium during an international soccer match Friday.

They were one of three teams of attackers who also targeted a rock concert at the Bataclan theater as well popular night spots in a trendy Paris neighborhood. The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the carnage, which has left France in mourning and on edge.

On Wednesday, residents of Paris’ Saint-Denis neighborhood were shocked awake by an explosion around 4:20 a.m.

Amine Guizani said the blast was followed by the sound of grenades and automatic gunfire.

“It was continuous. It didn’t stop,” he said. “It lasted from 4:20 until 5:30. It was a good hour.”

“I couldn’t say how many shots were fired, but it was probably 500. Hundreds, definitely. There were maybe 10 explosions.”

Police cordoned off an area around the building in a narrow street lined with low-rise buildings. Riot police cleared people from the streets, pointing guns at residents to move them off the roads.

“We tried to stop our children hearing the noise,” said Farah Appane, who lives about 80 yards from where the raid took place. “My 19-month-old was crying. Our 8-year-old said, ‘What is it? Are there more attacks?’”

Molins said the operation began with a pre-dawn shoot-out and resulted in the arrest of eight people, including two found in the rubble and the man whose apartment was used as the cell’s hideaway.

Several police officers were

slightly injured and a SWAT team police dog was killed.

Neither Molins nor French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve would say whether some attackers might still be on the loose.

French authorities had previously said that at least eight people were directly involved in the bloodshed: seven who died in the attacks and one, Salah Abdeslam, who got away and slipped across the border to Belgium.

A Spanish security official said Wednesday that French authorities have sent out a bulletin to police across Europe asking them to watch out for a Citroen Xsara car that could be carrying Abdeslam.

French officials have told The Associated Press they believe at least one other attacker was involved in Friday’s carnage and is still at large, taking the number to at least nine.

On Wednesday, France’s justice minister updated the overall number of wounded in the Paris attacks to 368 people, up from 352. The health minister said 195 people remained hospitalized, 41 in intensive care and three in critical condition.

## 33 Islamic State fighters said killed in Raqqa

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Airstrikes on the northern Syrian city of Raqqa and its outskirts have killed at least 33 Islamic State group fighters over the past three days, an opposition group that tracks Syria’s civil war said Wednesday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said most of the fighters were killed when their checkpoints

were attacked by French and other warplanes.

France has launched multiple airstrikes against the Islamic State following attacks, claimed by the militant group, that killed at least 129 people in Paris on Friday. Russia also intensified its bombardment of Raqqa after Moscow’s FSB security service announced Tuesday that a bomb brought down a Russian plane in Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula last

month, killing all 224 people onboard. The Islamic State also claimed that attack.

The Observatory said that more Islamic State fighters are believed to have been killed in the airstrikes, but their bodies were so severely dismembered it wasn’t possible to give a precise figure.

Zeid al-Thabet, a member of an anti-Islamic State media collective that covers Raqqa known

as the Sound and Picture Organization, also reported a “large number” of Islamic State fighters killed but had no precise figure.

The Observatory reported that Islamic State fighters’ families are fleeing Raqqa to the northern Iraqi city of Mosul because of the intensity of the bombing, saying they feel Raqqa is no longer safe. The report could not be independently verified.

## Swift calls for island mediation

BY WYATT OLSON  
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International mediation is the best solution to avoid “force and coercion” in disputes among China and Southeast Asia nations over ownership of islands in the South China Sea, The Wall Street Journal quoted the U.S. Pacific Fleet commander as saying Tuesday.

Adm. Scott H. Swift’s comments to reporters came during a visit to Shanghai that coincided with Monday’s arrival of the guided-missile destroyer USS Stethem at Wusong naval port, the first time a Navy ship has berthed at a Chinese military facility. Making his first trip to China, Swift met with his counterpart from China’s military.

As commander of the Pacific Fleet, Swift is in charge of freedom-of-navigation patrols that began last month near disputed atolls in the Spratly Islands, whose claimants include China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan. U.S. officials have said four such trips are planned annually.

For the past year, China has been dredging sea sand to expand the size of the islands, some of which are little more than peaks of reef at low tide. China has built several runways and other structures on them, construction that the U.S. has described as militarization.

## VA revamp could expand access

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WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs unveiled a major overhaul of its nationwide health care system Wednesday that could give veterans better access to private doctors and hospitals.

The VA told House lawmakers it needs an initial \$421 million in 2016 to begin the ambitious — and likely costly — shift to an integrated government and private-sector system aimed at easing bottlenecks for veterans. The plan calls for consolidating programs that now steer vets to private providers and creating networks across the country.

The department admission that its current system for private care is overly complex and

confusing comes after Congress greatly expanded veteran eligibility to private care with emergency legislation last year. The \$10 billion Veterans Choice program gave nearly 1 million vets new access to the non-VA care following a scandal over long wait times at department facilities across the country.

“I know costs are an issue, but the critical cost issue right now is the \$421 million we expect to spend on systems redesign and business solutions in FY 2016,” VA Deputy Secretary Sloan Gibson testified. “Other costs will come later as we tackle other aspects of consolidation such as expanding emergency and urgent care.”

The department estimates it will cost from \$400 million to \$800 million per year. The price

could climb if more veterans decide to use the system because of improvements, VA officials said.

The VA has long provided access to outside care but its recent struggle to treat surging numbers of veterans has made the care more crucial. The consolidation and integration of a single private care system would make that care more efficient and streamlined, Gibson said, and also make at least parts of the emergency Veterans Choice program permanent.

Much of the shift still must be decided and funded. The VA will start with creating a new referral system and efforts to improve its customer service, said Baligh Yehia, the VA assistant deputy undersecretary for health for community care.

## Carter to outline personnel system changes

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Ash Carter is pushing major changes to the Pentagon’s personnel systems that are intended to attract the next generation of servicemembers and drag the often-antiquated bureaucracy into the 21st century.

Many of the moves that Carter planned to outline in a speech Wednesday afternoon focus on how the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps recruit and retain troops.

For example, members of the military can begin investing in a 401(k)-type retirement plan beginning in January 2018. Sabbatical programs will expand, and servicemembers more easily can move from active duty to the reserves. That will give them a chance to take a break, seek advanced schooling, internships or other work and eventually bring that experience back to the Pentagon.

Officials said the personnel changes are the most significant

since the all-volunteer force was implemented.

The plans reflect Carter’s goal of modernizing the bureaucracy and encouraging more young people to consider the military as a career.

The retirement change, long discussed and recommended by independent commissions, would allow servicemembers to participate in a 401(k)-type plan so if they serve fewer than 20 years they can leave with a small nest egg.

## Firm that had supplements in exchanges is facing charges

BY JOHN VANDIVER  
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The maker of a top-selling workout supplement whose products were once sold at military exchanges will face criminal charges for the unlawful distribution of toxic substances, the Department of Justice announced Tuesday.

USPlabs LLC and several of its executives were indicted in

connection with charges that it used a synthetic stimulant made in China to manufacture the supplements Jack3d and OxyElite Pro, rather than plant extracts as the company advertised, federal prosecutors said.

“They doctored packaging, labeling and other paperwork to defraud others about what the product was,” said Benjamin Mizer, principal deputy assistant attorney general. “The

deception put lives at risk.”

For the military, there is a long history of concern over the potential dangerous side effects of workout supplements, which are popular among hard-training servicemembers.

In recent years, various products have been pulled from shelves in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Navy Exchange stores in connection with health concerns

over stimulants contained in some products.

Four years ago, a variety of supplements containing the stimulant DMAA, including Jack3d and OxyElite Pro, were pulled after reports of soldier deaths.

The families of two soldiers who died after taking the products in 2011 have sued USPlabs and those cases are pending.

# Big Ben on list of tough guys

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The only thing missing was the music. You know, that little whistle thing from “The Good, The Bad and the Ugly,” the riff that might as well be for “get your popcorn ready, it’s about to go down.”

When Ben Roethlisberger started warming up on the sideline on Sunday against Cleveland, his sprained left foot protected by a modified cleat and his swagger unmistakable, it hardly mattered that the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback started the week in a walking boot or had barely broken a sweat in practice while backup Landry Jones prepared for his second career start.

The moment Jones came limping to the sideline after getting his left ankle stepped on, Roethlisberger took off his baseball cap, discarded the towel around his neck and adrenaline took over.

“Ben is Ben,” Steelers wide receiver Martavis Bryant said. “So once he got in the game, he does what No. 7 do.”

Namely, light up the Browns. Stepping up into the pocket with confidence and picking apart Cleveland’s depleted secondary like a modified seven-on-seven drill, Roethlisberger passed for 379 yards

— the most ever in a regular-season game by a player who didn’t start — and three touchdowns in a 30-9 win.

Here’s a look at how some of Roethlisberger’s brethren have tried — and occasionally failed — to grit their teeth and give it a go:

**Magnificent McNabb:** Trainers initially diagnosed Philadelphia’s Donovan McNabb with merely a sprained ankle when he twisted it on the third play of the game against Arizona on Nov. 11, 2002. Unable to scramble — during a portion of his career when that was kind of his thing — McNabb still threw for 255 yards and four touchdowns in a 38-14 romp. Only afterward did X-Rays reveal McNabb’s ankle was actually broken.

**Getting his Phil:** The euphoria of the biggest win of Philip Rivers’ young career was dimmed by the news he’d torn the ACL in his right knee during San Diego’s 28-24 upset over the Indianapolis Colts in the divisional round of the playoffs. He put off major surgery, instead opting for an arthroscopic procedure while holding out faint hope he could play in the AFC championship game against the unbeaten Patriots. Playing with a brace that would have required a building permit in some cities, he threw for 211 yards and

two picks in a 21-12 loss.

**Body blow:** Chris Simms spent his childhood watching dad Phil lead the New York Giants to a title while also enduring an injury-pockmarked career. That didn’t stop Chris from going into the family business, though his NFL stay was relatively brief thanks in large part to a brutal afternoon against Carolina in Week 3 of the 2006 season while quarterbacking the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Simms left the game with what the team called cramping in the third quarter only to return and lead a late field-goal drive, finishing with 139 yards passing and a touchdown. Hours later Simms was in the hospital having his spleen removed after doctors discovered it had ruptured during the game.

**Tough Tittle:** Long before Manning and Tom Brady made it trendy, Y.A. Tittle was thriving in his late 30s while playing for the New York Giants. The Giants cruised to the NFL title game against the Chicago Bears. Things started off well enough, with Tittle hitting Frank Gifford for a score to give New York an early lead. Momentum changed, however, when Tittle was drilled in the knee early in the second quarter. Playing on one leg, he wasn’t the same, throwing five interceptions, the last on a pick in the end zone.

# Top 4 are the same in CFP

Associated Press

Clemson, Alabama, Ohio State and Notre Dame remained at the top of the College Football Playoff selection committee rankings Tuesday night, marking the first time in two seasons the top four was unchanged from the previous week.

Iowa stayed at No. 5 and Oklahoma State moved up to No. 6, one spot ahead of Big 12 rival Oklahoma.

Florida is eighth, Michigan State, which plays Ohio State on Saturday, is ninth and Baylor dropped to No. 10 after losing for the first time this season.

Clemson, Alabama and Ohio State seem to have control of their playoff hopes. If those three win out they should be in, with the final spot coming down to the Big 12 contenders or Notre Dame. Oklahoma State has the advantage of being unbeaten and has chances to pad its résumé over the next two weeks with home games against Baylor and Oklahoma.

Unbeaten Iowa would likely have to go through either Ohio State or whatever Big Ten East team beats Ohio State, so the Hawkeyes appear to be in good shape.

The highest ranked Pac-12 team is Stanford at No. 11.

What else you need to know about the third College Football Playoff rankings:

**Notre Dame or Oklahoma?:** The conversation started Saturday night and it could end up being the great debate of this season’s playoff rankings.

If the Fighting Irish (9-1) and the Sooners (9-1) both win out and finish 11-1, and things don’t get too messy in the other conferences, the chances are the final playoff spot will go to one of them.

It has the making for an excellent debate. The Sooners would end the season with big victories against Baylor, TCU and Oklahoma State. Notre Dame’s best wins would likely be USC, Stanford and Navy. The Irish’s loss was by two at Clemson. The Sooners’ loss was by seven to Texas. Notre Dame beat Texas 38-3, and the committee considers games against common opponents in its selections protocol.

**Pac-12 propped up:** Many an obit was written for the Pac-12’s playoff hopes on Saturday night when both Stanford and Utah lost, leaving the conference with no better than a two-loss champion.

The committee’s rankings suggest the Pac-12 might not be dead yet. Stanford is right behind Baylor and Utah is No. 13. If the choice comes down to either Cardinal or Utes at 11-2 and Baylor at 11-1, the Pac-12 might have some hope.

**Group of five:** Navy was the highest-ranked Group of Five team and American Athletic Conference rival Houston was No. 19. The Midshipmen and Cougars play on Nov. 27 in a game that should decide the AAC West division, a trip to the conference title game and ultimately which team gets the guaranteed spot in a New Year’s Six bowl game that goes to the top ranked champion from the American, Mountain West, Mid-American, Sun Belt or Conference USA.

# Maddon, Bannister voted top managers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Maddon and Jeff Banister were a huge hit in their new jobs. Now, immediate team success has reaped individual rewards.

Maddon won his third Manager of the Year award Tuesday and Banister his first after each guided an unexpected run to the playoffs.

In his initial season with the Chicago Cubs, Maddon took the National League prize following the club’s first postseason appearance since 2008. He also won in the AL with Tampa Bay in 2008 and 2011.

“It’s really good to know that what you believe in works in other places,” Maddon said during a break from his pizza-and-wine celebration with family and friends. “I didn’t tweak anything. It was the same approach.”

Maddon received 18 of 30 first-place votes and 124 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America. He beat out St. Louis’ Mike Matheny and the New York Mets’ Terry Collins by a surprisingly comfortable margin, becoming the seventh manager to win the award at least three times and the seventh to earn it in both leagues.

“To be the steward of this wonderful group of young players, I feel very fortunate,” Maddon said on MLB Network.

Banister, of the Texas Rangers, garnered 17 first-place votes and 112 points, easily topping Houston’s A.J. Hinch and Hall of Famer Paul Molitor from the Minnesota Twins, another rookie skipper.

Banister joined Houston’s Hal Lanier (1986), San Francisco’s Dusty Baker

(1993), Florida’s Joe Girardi (2006) and Washington’s Matt Williams (2014) as the only men to win in their first season as a major league manager.

“To be able to have this in year one — tremendous,” Banister said. “But it means that we had a group of players that went out every single day, they showed up, they played well, they beat back some odds, they were resilient, they showed some grit and played together and really, truly played for each other on a nightly basis, and I was most proud of that.”

Texas won 88 games this season — 21 more than last year — in capturing the AL West title despite several significant injuries, including losing ace Yu Darvish for the entire season to elbow surgery. The Rangers won their first two playoff games in Toronto before dropping the next three and getting eliminated.

Adversity was nothing new to Banister, who overcame bone cancer with multiple operations in high school and was temporarily paralyzed from the neck down after a home-plate collision in junior college. He joined the Rangers after 29 years in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization as a player, coach and instructor at all levels.

“All the things that I’ve been through in my lifetime — and there were a lot of times that I asked why — well, there were times this year that I knew exactly why,” the 51-year-old Banister said. “It was so that I could give another group of people some thoughts, some ideas, some toughness and some motivation to continue to press forward.”

Hinch finished second with eight first-place votes and 82 points. Molitor got two first-place votes and 33 points.

New York Yankees skipper Joe Girardi received a pair of first-place votes, and Toronto’s John Gibbons got the other one.

Maddon left Tampa Bay last fall and signed a \$25 million, five-year contract to manage the Cubs. He took over a team that was coming off five straight losing seasons and hadn’t won a playoff game since 2003.

With his colorful, fun-loving manner, the 61-year-old Maddon led a young club to the third-best record in the majors at 97-65. That was 24 wins better than the previous season and good for third in the competitive NL Central behind St. Louis and second-place Pittsburgh.

Chicago beat the Pirates in the wild-card game and then the Cardinals in the Division Series before getting swept by the Mets in the NLCS.

“Overachieving would indicate that we really did not have that level of talent, and I don’t think that’s true,” Maddon said. “I believe what occurred eventually was that we kind of realized our potentials.”

Matheny came in second with nine first-place votes and 87 points. Collins was listed atop three ballots and had 49 points.

Voting is conducted before the postseason.

Awards week is shaping up as a big one for the revitalized Cubs. Third baseman Kris Bryant was chosen NL Rookie of the Year on Monday, and ace pitcher Jake Arrieta is one of three finalists for the Cy Young Award.

“The spotlight is shining from Wrigley Field,” Maddon said.



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# Warriors win 12th straight

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Even if they played an imperfect game, the Golden State Warriors managed to maintain their perfect start.

Stephen Curry scored 37 points to lead the defending NBA champions to their 12th straight win to open the season, a hard-fought 115-110 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night.

“We hold ourselves to a very high standard,” Curry said. “We didn’t put any pressure on them defensively in the third quarter, we were sloppy on a couple of possessions offensively and gave them life. Those are things we need to improve on. Everyone likes to learn those lessons in wins.”

Klay Thompson added 19 points and Andrew Bogut scored 13 for the Warriors, off to the best start by an NBA team since Dallas won its first 14 games in 2002-03. Golden State needs three wins to equal the league record of 15-0 held by the 1948-49 Washington Capitols and the 1993-94 Houston Rockets.

This one didn’t come easy, though. Toronto fought back from an 18-point deficit and trailed by one late in the game with the ball. But guard Kyle Lowry was called for an offensive foul and Curry hit two free throws to help seal it.

“I don’t know what happened,” Lowry said. “I just know I got a call for offensive foul. It happens. It’s the NBA. The call went against me. That’s all I can say about it.”

Lowry and DeMar DeRozan scored 28 points apiece for the Raptors, who have lost five of seven following a 5-0 start.

The Raptors rallied in the second half. “In the first half they dictated ev-

erything,” coach Dwane Casey said. “I thought in the second half we played well enough to win.”

Toronto fought back by getting to the foul line, and the Raptors took their first lead of the second half on two free throws by Lowry midway through the fourth.

Bogut tied it on an alley-oop from Draymond Green as Golden State got a fast break off the made free throw. After a Toronto turnover, Curry put the Warriors back ahead for good with his fifth three-pointer to make it 101-98.

“I think we made the necessary plays we needed to,” Green said. “Obviously, we can close the game out a lot better than we did. It never should have gotten to where it got.”

**Pistons 104, Cavaliers 99:** Andre Drummond had 25 points and 18 rebounds and made some crucial free throws when he was fouled intentionally, helping host Detroit rally over Cleveland.

LeBron James scored 23 of his 30 points in the first half, but the Pistons double-teamed him on a couple of big possessions down the stretch and Cleveland couldn’t convert. The Cavs lost their second straight after winning eight in a row.

Drummond’s free throw with 2:07 left gave the Pistons a 98-97 advantage, and Detroit was able to hold on. It was 102-99 with 13.8 seconds remaining after Reggie Jackson made two free throws for the Pistons. J.R. Smith then missed a contested three-pointer from near the top of the key.

**Nuggets 115, Pelicans 98:** Danilo Gallinari scored a season-high 32 points for the visiting Nuggets and New Orleans’ Anthony Davis hurt his left shoulder in the first quarter as Denver defeated the downtrodden Pelicans.

Jameer Nelson scored all 16 of his points in the last 14:10 of the game, helping Denver secure its fourth victory in five games. Will Barton added 17 points and Gary Harris 16.

**Nets 90, Hawks 88:** Brook Lopez had 26 points and Thaddeus Young hit two free throws with 1.4 seconds left to give host Brooklyn a victory over Atlanta.

After a timeout, Young knocked away Thabo Sefolosha’s inbounds pass to Al Horford as time expired.

Young finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Jarrett Jack and Shane Larkin each had 14.

**Timberwolves 103, Heat 91:** Andrew Wiggins scored 24 points and Zach LaVine added 17 as Minnesota overcame a triple-double by Miami’s Hassan Whiteside to beat the host Heat.

Shabazz Muhammad scored 16 and Karl-Anthony Towns had 14 points and 14 rebounds for Minnesota, which snapped a four-game slide.

**Knicks 102, Hornets 94:** Rookie Kristaps Porzingis scored a season-high 29 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as host New York beat Charlotte.

Less than a week after he just missed beating the Hornets when his three-pointer was ruled after the buzzer, Porzingis couldn’t be denied by Charlotte defenders or the clock in the 20-year-old Latvian’s biggest moment in the NBA.

**Wizards 115, Bucks 86:** John Wall had 19 points, nine assists and six rebounds as host Washington beat Milwaukee.

Otto Porter also scored 19 to help the Wizards win by double digits for the first time this season. Washington had six players in double figures.

# Kentucky holds off No. 5 Duke

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Tyler Ulis had 18 points and six assists, and No. 2 Kentucky used its speed and athleticism to hold off No. 5 Duke for a 74-63 victory in the Champions Classic on Tuesday night.

Kentucky forced 16 turnovers and out-scored Duke 18-4 in fast-break points. Jamal Murray scored 11 of his 16 points in the second half, and Isaiah Briscoe added 12 points as the Wildcats (3-0) placed four players in double figures.

Amile Jefferson led the Blue Devils (2-1) with 16 points and 15 rebounds, and Marshall Plumlee finished with 12 points, 10 rebounds and six blocked shots.

Grayson Allen, who scored 54 points in Duke’s first two games, was held to six points on 2-for-11 shooting. He got his first basket on a 3-pointer from the corner with 12:08 left in the second half.

**No. 3 Maryland 75, Georgetown 71:** Rasheed Sulaimon hit a three-pointer with 1:18 left to break a tie, and host Maryland got 24 points from Melo Trimble in a rousing victory over neighborhood rival Georgetown.

Maryland (2-0) was stretched to the finish against Georgetown, which led by seven in the second half before wilting. The Hoyas looked much sharper than in their season-opening, double-overtime loss to Radford but fell to 0-2 for the first time since the 1998-99 season.

**No. 13 Michigan State 79, No. 4 Kansas 73:** Denzel Valentine had 29 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists and the senior guard took over the game for Michigan State in the second half as the Spartans beat Kansas at the Champions Classic in Chicago.

Kansas (1-1) had a 13-point lead twice in the first half, the last time at 28-15 with 6:16 to go. Michigan State (2-0) was within 41-35 at halftime but the Jayhawks again opened the lead to double figures at 61-50 with 9:42 to go on a long layup by Frank Mason III.

**Tulsa 77, No. 9 Wichita State 67:** Shaquille Harrison scored 20 points and Marquel Curtis added 16 to help host Tulsa upset Wichita State, overcoming three years of frustration against the Shockers, who had won a school record seven straight in the long-running series.

The Shockers (1-1) were led by Ron Baker with 23 points and Anton Grady with 18. All-conference guard Fred VanVleet, hobbled by a sprained ankle, added 11.

**No. 11 Villanova 87, Nebraska 63:** Josh Hart scored 19 points, Daniel Ochefu had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and host Villanova rolled past Nebraska.

Ryan Arcidiacono added 15 points and Phil Booth scored 11 for the Wildcats (2-0), who shot 49.2 percent from the field.

The game was part of the inaugural Gavitt Tipoff Games, which pits teams from the Big East against Big Ten squads.

**No. 18 Notre Dame 86, Milwaukee 78:** Demetrius Jackson scored 20 points, and V.J. Beachem tied a career high with 19 while adding a career-best eight rebounds for host Notre Dame.

The Irish (2-0), who moved up one spot in the poll this week, had all five starters score in double figures, including Zach Auguste, who hit 7 of 8 from the field and scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half.

**No. 19 UConn 85, New Hampshire 66:** Sterling Gibbs scored 18 of his 21 points in the first half and host UConn routed New Hampshire.

# Sharks top Bruins on power-play goals

Associated Press

BOSTON — San Jose’s Patrick Marleau and Joe Thornton made Boston pay for a string of penalties.

They scored power-play goals just 25 seconds apart in the second period to put the Sharks ahead for good to beat the Bruins 5-4 on Tuesday night.

“You’ve got to win them all kinds of different ways,” coach Peter DeBoer said. “It probably wasn’t what either coach predicted but we’ll take the result. We found a way.”

Joe Pavelski got the scoring started 42 seconds into the game for the Sharks and had two assists. Melker Karlsson had a goal and an assist, also in the big second period when the Sharks capitalized on four straight penalties by Boston.

“It’s good to see. We’ve been doing a lot of good things,” said Marleau, whose goal gave him 999 career points. “Finally it’s starting to go in for us.”

The Sharks had enough offense to overcome two power plays by the Bruins, who failed to hang on after leading 2-1 and 3-2.

The Bruins fell to 2-6-1 at home, where they have yet to win consecutive games this season.

“We know that we’re not all playing our best every night and we have to,” said Brad Marchand, one of four players with goals for the Bruins. “If we’re going to start putting a few wins together we have to have everyone going every night. We can’t have any passengers at all. If we have one then it’s enough to cost us a game and right now we have way too

many.”

Loui Eriksson, Patrice Bergeron and Tyler Randall each scored for Boston. The Bruins pulled within 5-4 on Bergeron’s power-play goal at 13:32 left to play but could not overcome their second-period mistakes.

“Sloppy tonight — sloppy. Really, that’s the only word I can find right now,” Boston coach Claude Julien said. “We have to deal with certain things and I plan on dealing with internally, but certainly not going to start elaborating here.”

Tuukka Rask had 23 saves for Boston and Martin Jones stopped 25 shots for the Sharks.

**Stars 3, Sabres 1:** Valeri Nichushkin scored 51 seconds into the game and Antti Niemi stopped 24 shots to help visiting Dallas beat Buffalo.

Jason Spezza and Tyler Seguin also scored, and Dallas won a late coach’s challenge on the way to becoming the first NHL team to 15 wins this season. The Stars’ 30 points are tied with Montreal and the New York Rangers for tops in the league.

Linus Ullmark made 26 saves for Buffalo, losers of two straight at home.

**Blue Jackets 3, Blues 1:** Brandon Saad scored twice to help host Columbus beat St. Louis for its first three-game winning streak of the season.

Cody Goloubef also scored for Columbus, which has won five of its last seven games.

**Kings 3, Flyers 2 (SO):** Anze Kopitar scored in the shootout to lead Los Angeles to a victory over host Philadelphia.

Jonathan Quick had 36 saves through

overtime for the Kings, and then stopped Sam Gagner, Giroux and Jakub Voracek in the shootout.

**Penguins 4, Wild 3:** Evgeni Malkin scored two goals and picked up two assists for his first four-point game in two seasons to lead host Pittsburgh over Minnesota.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 26 saves for the Penguins, which lost defenseman Olli Maatta to an injury in the second period.

**Maple Leafs 5, Avalanche 1:** P.A. Parenteau scored twice as host Toronto had four power-play goals and a short-handed score in a victory over Colorado.

Reto Berra started for Colorado and gave up four goals on 26 shots before he was pulled. Calvin Pickard came on in the third period and stopped three of the four shots he faced.

**Predators 3, Ducks 2:** James Neal and Miikka Salomaki gave Nashville the lead, and Pekka Rinne stopped 38 shots to lead the Predators over visiting Anaheim.

Frederik Andersen gave up three goals on 10 shots for the Ducks and was replaced in the second period by Anton Khudobin, who stopped all 11 shots he faced.

**Flames 3, Devils 2:** David Jones scored his team-leading seventh goal of the season and added an assist to lead host Calgary to a win over New Jersey.

TJ Brodie and Matt Stajan also scored for the Flames, who beat the Devils for the sixth straight time dating back to Jan. 10, 2012.