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Stalemate in fight against militants?

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WASHINGTON — In measuring progress in the American-led air war against the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, numbers tell one story but results tell another.

Fighter jets, bombers, attack planes and drones are dropping an average of 2,228 bombs per month on targets ranging from training camps and machine-gun positions to oil facilities and weapons shacks. The Pentagon says it doesn't do body counts, but the attacks are believed to have killed more than 20,000 Islamic State fighters. The U.S. price tag: \$5 billion since August 2014, an average of \$11.1 million each day.

The bombing has damaged or destroyed hundreds of military vehicles (including Ameri-

can tanks surrendered by Iraqi soldiers), thousands of buildings, hundreds of pieces of oil infrastructure and thousands of fighting positions, among other targets, according to U.S. Central Command figures.

This sounds like a pummeling designed to bury an enemy, particularly one facing the military might and technological power of the United States.

But what has been the result? In a word, stalemate, although U.S. military officials say they see the tide gradually turning in their favor.

The key word is "gradually." The administration has said from the start that dealing a lasting defeat to the Islamic State group will take years, that a pell-mell military approach will not work because

the Islamic State group is not a conventional army. But in the aftermath of the Paris attacks, many are asking why the U.S. is not in a bigger hurry.

On Monday President Barack Obama pointed to the liberation this month of Sinjar in northwestern Iraq by Iraqi Kurdish forces, the encirclement of Islamic State group-held Ramadi and the severing of a highway serving as a supply route for Islamic State fighters between the northern Iraqi city of Mosul and the militant's self-proclaimed capital of Raqqa in Syria. An Iraqi oil refinery also has been taken from the militants.

Yet, as the Paris attacks showed, the group is now acting on global ambitions. It has withstood the aerial pounding by U.S. and coalition warplanes,

defended its core territories and apparently used its resiliency and social media savvy to replenish its ranks.

Instead of bombing every target in sight and sending a U.S. ground invasion force, Obama has chosen to use air power more discriminately to chip away at the Islamic State group, avoiding targets where civilians are endangered. Rather than sending U.S. ground combat troops, he is waiting for the emergence of local fighters who can do the job.

The premise of this strategy is that although the U.S. military is capable of squashing the Islamic State group, any such victory would be short-lived without local armies and governments capable of maintaining stability.

Russian airstrikes in Syria 'biggest since Afghanistan'

By TARA COPP

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Russia launched another massive wave of bomber and cruise missile attacks in Syria on Wednesday in the largest show of its airpower since the 1980s, though some defense analysts questioned the tactics and purpose behind the Russian campaign against Islamic State militants.

The second wave of Russian strikes included a dozen air-launched cruise missiles fired from a squadron of Tu-160 Blackjacks and scores of munitions dropped by 12 Tu-22M3 Backfire bombers, according to a Russian defense ministry statement on its website.

Some analysts have called the Russian airstrikes Tuesday and Wednesday its largest air bombing campaign since the former Soviet Union's air and ground war against the for-

eign-backed mujahedeen fighters, which lasted from 1979 to 1989.

"This is the biggest since Afghanistan," Brookings Institution senior defense fellow Steven Pifer said Wednesday, referring to the Soviet-Afghan War.

Russia started to intensify its air bombing of Islamic State targets early Tuesday, after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced they had determined it was a bomb that brought down Metrojet 9268. The commercial airliner crashed after takeoff from the Egyptian resort Sharm el-Sheikh on Oct. 31, killing 224 people. On Tuesday, Putin offered a \$50 million reward for information about the bombing and promised an intensified air campaign in retribution.

Until this week, Russian airstrikes largely have targeted Syrian rebels in their efforts

to back the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad. It was not until the Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the terrorist attacks in Paris on Nov. 13 that killed at least 129 people, and France's immediate response with its own intensified air bombing of Islamic State targets in Syria, that Russia quickly followed suit and retaliated for last month's downing of the jet.

"In the aftermath of the Paris attacks — Putin saw some opportunity for propaganda strikes so that is what he did," said retired Navy Cmdr. Chris Harmer, a senior analyst with the Institute for the Study of War. "This is purely window dressing for the Russians — their No. 1 priority is preserving the Assad regime."

Russia has maintained a fleet of fighter aircraft at a base in Latakia, Syria, for months, and conducted daily airstrikes from

that base. The injection of long-range bombers is new.

But Col. Steve Warren, a Baghdad-based spokesman for Operation Inherent Resolve, called Tuesday's "air armada" of multiple Russian bombers "antiquated tactics."

"We don't even use those type of tactics anymore," he said. "The idea of putting, you know, 10 ships in the air at one time, or 12 or even more, is very old-fashioned. And those are the type of tactics needed only if you don't possess the technology, the skills and the capabilities to conduct the type of precision strikes that our coalition conducts."

On Tuesday, Russian Tu-95MS Bears and Blackjacks launched 34 cruise missiles at Islamic State targets in Raqqa, Syria, while other bombers and attack aircraft rounded out a day of 127 sorties against different Islamic State targets.

Navy report: Procedures followed on USS Wyoming

The Brunswick (Ga.) News

ST. MARYS, Ga. — A recently released Navy investigation into the videotape scandal aboard the USS Wyoming makes no new recommendations regarding the use of electronic devices aboard the ballistic missile submarine.

To one Camden County lawyer, that's disappointing and risky. Jim Stein, who defended one of the men charged in the scandal, said the Navy is setting itself up for more problems.

The report concludes the ship was following established procedures and recommended no further action be taken regarding the improper use of personal electronic devices aboard submarines.

"It was the deliberate and illegal activity of a handful of abhorrent sailors who have been properly held accountable," the report said.

The investigation revealed seven videos were made of three female officers undressing and showering aboard the ship, but they never found videos of female midshipmen who were allegedly recorded when they were aboard the ship during a deployment from March to June 2014. A total of 53 female passengers were aboard the ship during that deployment.

"All other videos or pictures of

officers or riders were reported to have been deleted," the report said. "It cannot be determined who was improperly recorded and to what extent."

Three sailors received prison sentences and were discharged for their roles. Three other sailors were court-martialed, fined and reduced in rank for their roles.

Members of both crews were issued "Standards of Conduct" instruction requiring all crewmembers to acknowledge understanding the rules regarding the respect for privacy of individual crewmembers.

"No amount of barriers will be able to prevent all illegal attempts to record personnel and the upholding of standards and holding personnel accountable is the best method to prevent recurrence," the report said.

While it's impossible to stop a sailor intent on this type of misconduct, Rear Adm. Charles Richard, commander Submarine Group 10, said there are things that can be done to minimize the possibility it could happen again.

"I will provide recommendations to do this through separate correspondence to the type commander for action across the force," he said. "These recommendations will primarily focus on bystander intervention and early reporting of known violations."

Ex-Subway pitchman gets 15 years for sex crimes

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A judge sentenced former Subway pitchman Jared Fogle to more than 15 years in prison Thursday for trading in child pornography and having sex with underage prostitutes.

U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Walton Pratt disregarded prosecutors' recommendation that Fogle, 38, get 12½ years behind bars, opting for a stiffer sentence of 15 years and eight

months in prison and ordering him to pay a \$175,000 fine. She could have sentenced him to up to 50 years in prison.

In explaining her sentence, Pratt noted how fortunate Fogle was to land his lucrative deal to be Subway's spokesman after losing a lot of weight in college.

"What a gift, to have such a professional windfall fall in your lap," she said, adding that "Mr. Fogle was living a double life for many of those years."

3 American captives held in Yemen freed

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Three Americans held captive by Shiite rebels in Yemen's capital have been freed, Oman's state news agency and officials in Yemen said Thursday.

The short English-language statement on the Oman News Agency said only that the U.S. State Department had asked Oman to bring the Americans out of the country. It did not elaborate or provide information on their identities.

However, independent security officials in Yemen and members of the Shiite rebels known as Houthis said the Americans had been detained for at least two months at a Houthi security building in the rebel-held capital, Sanaa.

The rebels and the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity as they weren't authorized to brief journalists, did not say why the Americans were held. Two of them were working with the United Nations, the officials said, while offering no information about the third.

The Houthis previously said they had detained two Americans on suspicion of being spies, but it wasn't immediately clear if those two were included in the release.

The Oman News Agency quoted an unnamed Foreign Ministry official in its report as saying, "The three U.S. citizens were transported from Sanaa to Muscat onboard ... one of the Royal Air Force of Oman aircrafts, after which they will return to their country."

Report: Boost shipbuilding

BY WYATT OLSON

Stars and Stripes

The Navy will need to spend \$4 billion to \$7 billion more on shipbuilding each year to sustain current presence levels into the future, according to a report released Wednesday by a Washington-based think tank.

Years of underfunding and increased demand have already eroded the ability of the Navy and the Marines to respond to crises and to maintain a presence in the world's hot spots, says a Center of Strategic and Budgetary Assessments report. The report was sponsored in part by the Navy League, whose stated purpose is to educate and motivate the American people to support U.S. maritime capabilities.

While the number of ships deployed overseas between 1998 and 2014 remained consistent at about 100 vessels, the full fleet shrank by about 20 percent, the report said, meaning ships, sailors and Marines

have faced longer deployments, and vessels have had to skip maintenance to preserve the Navy's overseas presence.

Some Republican presidential candidates have brought up these declining numbers, often citing a statistic that the Navy has fewer vessels now than 100 years ago. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus has called comparing modern ships' capabilities with their archaic predecessors as pointless, "like comparing the telegraph to the smartphone."

However, today's ships are working longer and harder.

Between 2001 and 2009, the amount of time Navy ships spent at sea — known as operating tempo — increased by 8 percent, and the tempo for surface combatant ships jumped by 18 percent, the report said. The number of ships at sea peaked at 86 percent in 2009, but remains high at 74 percent for 2015, the report said.

Arrieta, Keuchel earn Cy Young Awards

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jake Arrieta posted one final win, perhaps against his most formidable competition yet.

The Chicago Cubs rightly aced out Dodgers stars Zack Greinke and Clayton Kershaw to earn the NL Cy Young Award by a comfortable margin Wednesday.

"There was some anxiety involved," Arrieta said on a conference call.

Arrieta topped the majors with 22 victories, boosted by a record 0.75 ERA after the All-Star break. He acknowledged the super stats piled up by his Los Angeles rivals spurred him.

"Deep down inside, we think we can catch them, do a little bit better," he said.

Astros lefty Dallas Keuchel won the AL Cy Young Award, easily beating David Price.

Keuchel led the AL in wins, going 20-8 and helping Houston reach the playoffs for the first time since 2005.

"For years to come, we're going to be contenders," the bearded Keuchel said.

Voting by members of the Baseball

Writers' Association of America was conducted before the postseason.

Keuchel then started the playoffs by pitching six shutout innings to win at Yankee Stadium in the AL wild-card game. The next day, Arrieta threw a five-hit shutout at Pittsburgh in the NL wild-card game.

In a tight race between three very worthy contenders, Arrieta received 17 of 30 first-place votes and 169 points. Greinke drew 10 first-place votes and 147 points. Kershaw got the other three firsts and 101 points.

Arrieta went 22-6, including 11-0 in his last 12 starts in pushing the Cubs into the playoffs for the first time since 2008. The 29-year-old had a 1.77 ERA, struck out 236 and pitched a no-hitter.

Arrieta was 6-5 with a 3.40 ERA after walking six in five innings during a loss to Cleveland in mid-June. In his final 20 regular-season starts, he went 16-1 and permitted only 14 earned runs.

During that span, he also hit two home runs while giving up just two. No starter has equaled what he did in the second half.

"I see the numbers on TV, people bring it

up to me quite a bit," he said. "It's kind of amazing to think about it."

Arrieta was the first Cubs pitcher to win the honor since Greg Maddux in 1992.

The Cubs won a major postseason award for the third straight day. Kris Bryant was the NL Rookie of the Year and Joe Maddon was the NL Manager of the Year.

"It looks like we're going to have a pretty bright future," Arrieta said.

Seattle in 2001 was the last team to take any three BBWAA awards in the same year, when Ichiro Suzuki was the AL MVP and best rookie and Lou Piniella was the top manager.

The last NL team to win three was Atlanta in 1991 when Terry Pendleton was the MVP, Tom Glavine took the Cy Young and Bobby Cox won the manager award.

Greinke posted a 1.66 ERA that was the lowest in the majors since Maddux in 1995. Greinke went 19-3, fanned 200 and had a scoreless streak of 45²/₃ innings.

Since the creation of the Cy Young Award in 1956, the only qualifying pitcher with a lower ERA who did not win was Luis Tiant in 1968. El Tiente went 21-9 with a

1.60 ERA for Cleveland but was beaten out by Detroit's Denny McLain (31-6, 1.96).

Kershaw had won three of the previous four NL Cy Youngs, and was the NL MVP last year. He struck out 301, most in the majors since 2002, and went 16-7 with a 2.13 ERA for the NL West champions.

Featuring a dominant sinker and a sharp slider, the 27-year-old Keuchel had a 2.48 ERA and 216 strikeouts.

"Got to a point where the confidence was at an all-time high," he said.

Keuchel garnered 22 first-place votes and 186 points. Price drew eight first-place votes and 143 points for his split season with Detroit and Toronto. Oakland's Sonny Gray finished third.

Keuchel became the first Houston pitcher to win since Roger Clemens in 2004, and the first to do it since the Astros joined the AL in 2013.

Keuchel started the All-Star Game this year and recently won a Gold Glove award.

Broncos, Seahawks, Packers, Colts no longer powerhouses

Associated Press

This isn't at all what the Broncos, Seahawks, Packers and Colts had in mind.

Before the season kicked off in September, these were considered elite teams, and rightly so. Denver had built a monster of a defense to complement Peyton Manning's offense.

Seattle was coming off a last-minute Super Bowl loss and had added brilliant tight end Jimmy Graham.

Indianapolis had taken incremental steps in the playoffs that seemed to place it on the verge of a trip to the big game, with Andrew Luck threatening to win league MVP honors. Green Bay already had the league's Most Valuable Player, Aaron Rodgers, and no NFC team appeared as balanced.

Nine weeks later, all four are searching for answers, even as they remain in play-off position.

"This isn't easy," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said of his team's three-game slide after winning its first six, then going on its bye week. "And frankly, if we spoiled you in the past, that's great. We're looking forward to spoiling you again in the future."

What has spoiled at Lambeau and in the Mile High City, in Naptown and the Pacific Northwest? And can the problems be fixed in the next seven games?

Read on:

Broncos (7-2) — Denver started the season with seven victories as its defense more than made up for the incon-

sistencies of Manning, who suddenly has turned a very old 39. His health issues, including the latest, a partially torn plantar fascia that makes every step painful, are really holding back the Broncos.

Coach Gary Kubiak knows it, and now regrets starting Manning in Sunday's loss to Kansas City.

"Guys want to play," Kubiak said. "That's why he's a great player. But as a football coach, sometimes you have to say, 'No, I don't think this is the right thing today.'"

Packers (6-3) — This slide is totally confounding, and losing to the Lions at Lambeau for the first time since Barry Sanders was toting the football is shocking.

While the defense has taken a step or two back from its strong opening performances, it's Rodgers and the offense that have fallen flat. Yes, he misses top target Jordy Nelson, but the receiver hasn't been around all season and Green Bay was doing fine without him.

Blame in large part an offensive line that has regressed the past few weeks. That's damaged the running game, but most distressingly, it's put Rodgers in a bull's-eye.

Seahawks (4-5) — Yep, 4-5. With two losses at home that, save for an officiating miscue, could be three.

Seattle was outplayed for much of Sunday night's meeting with NFC West leader Arizona. Only two huge turnovers by Carson Palmer when the defense at last resembled the fierce unit Seahawks fans expect kept Pete Carroll's guys in the game. When that defense isn't making

big plays, the two-time defending conference champs are mediocre.

The offense can't bail them out, either, because the line has been a sieve, forcing Russell Wilson to scramble for safety, not creativity. Graham, who many thought would be the most beneficial player transaction of the offseason, has not been a huge difference maker.

Seattle's time is running out, and it needs an immediate change in fortune to get in the wild-card mix. Remember, though, that the Seahawks have been in such situations before and rallied. Beginning next week against San Francisco, they must show they are capable of doing so again.

Colts (4-5) — It's embarrassing, even depressing, that despite a wretched first half of the season, the Colts are in control of the AFC South. Because they regularly beat everyone in the NFL's weakest division, their path to the playoffs is clear.

A season-saving win over Denver before going on their bye brought everyone in Indy off the ledge. Then, of course, it was revealed that Luck will be sidelined by an assortment of ailments, turning the reins to Matt Hasselbeck.

That's far less of a problem than the Colts' defense; Hasselbeck won two earlier starts this season and might be the most capable backup QB in the league.

For Indy to become a valid player down the stretch and possibly into January, it must figure out how to stop people. With three division games remaining, reaching the eight wins that figures to take the AFC South crown seems reasonable.

Russia set to miss world indoors meet

Associated Press

The IAAF inspection team monitoring Russia's anti-doping reforms will report back in late March, meaning the national track team is set to miss the world indoor championships in the United States.

The March 17-20 championships in Portland, Ore., are the first major competition that Russia would miss under its provisional suspension from the IAAF.

The indefinite ban was imposed last week after Russia was accused by an independent World Anti-Doping Agency commission of running a state-sponsored doping program.

Russian officials had said they hoped to return to competition in less than three months.

But the IAAF said Thursday it has asked its five-person inspection team to begin its verification work no later than Jan. 1 and report back "at the earliest" on March 27 — a week after the Portland championships end.

The panel will assess the reforms to clean up the Russian athletics federation, known as ARAF.

"For the protection of all clean athletes there cannot be any timeframe for ARAF's return until we are assured all criteria have been fully met and will continue to be met forever," IAAF President Sebastian Coe said in the IAAF statement.

Speaking to The Associated Press, ARAF general secretary Mikhail Butov conceded that Russia was now unlikely to take part at the world indoor championships.



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Harden's 45 propels Rockets

Associated Press

HOUSTON — James Harden knew something had to change, and he didn't mean the coach.

Hours after the unexpected firing of Kevin McHale, Harden shrugged off his slow start following his MVP runner-up season with 45 points, including all nine for Houston in overtime of a 108-103 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

"Making shots or missing shots, I've got to get my game where it needs to be to get this team where it wants to go," Harden said. "Picking my energy up — tonight was the beginning of it."

Corey Brewer made an off-balance three-pointer to force overtime and Harden took over from there, finishing with 11 assists, eight rebounds and five steals as the Rockets capped off an emotional day at the Toyota Center.

It nearly ended with a fifth straight loss before Brewer made his shot with 0.9 seconds remaining to tie it at 99.

"When somebody makes a shot like that, it can wake up everybody," Brewer said. "If that shot changes the season around, I'm happy to make it, but now it's time to start winning."

The Rockets played much of the game with sloppy mistakes and dreadful shooting. Interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff, son of longtime NBA coach Bernie Bickerstaff, served in his first game as head coach.

"The way it happened is the way it needed to happen," Bickerstaff said of the dramatic win. "Our guys were down, but for us to show perseverance, show fight, show the grit, toughness and togetherness speaks volumes."

The Blazers dropped their seventh straight, their worst losing streak since closing 2012-13 on a 13-game skid.

"In the NBA, strange things can happen," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "We weren't able to close it out, and Corey Brewer hits a one-legged runner from the logo, and that's the way it goes."

Damian Lillard led Portland with 23 points, C.J. McCollum had 19 and Al-Farouq Aminu added 16.

Spurs 109, Nuggets 98: Tony Parker scored a season-high 25 points as host San Antonio never trailed in beating Denver for its sixth straight victory.

Kawhi Leonard added 20 points, Tim Duncan had 12 and LaMarcus Aldridge 11 for the Spurs, undefeated at home after five games.

Patty Mills was 3 for 6 on three-pointers in scoring a season-high 17 points.

Mavericks 106, Celtics 102: Dirk Nowitzki scored 23 points and Wesley Matthews had 18 as visiting Dallas erased an 18-point, first-half deficit to defeat Boston for its fifth consecutive win.

Zaza Pachulia had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Mavericks. Deron Williams added 16 points, including consecutive key baskets.

Isaiah Thomas led Boston with 19 points. Jared Sullinger had 18 points and 12 rebounds, and Avery Bradley scored 18 as the Celtics had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Pacers 112, 76ers 85: Paul George scored 34 points and C.J. Miles added 20 to lead visiting Indiana to a rout of winless Philadelphia.

T.J. McConnell scored 16 points for Philadelphia, which dropped to 0-12 while setting a season high with 31 turnovers. The 76ers are within five losses of matching last season's franchise-worst start and six defeats from tying the NBA record, set by the 2009 Nets, for longest losing streak to begin a season. Philadelphia opens a six-game road trip on Friday in Charlotte.

It was the 76ers' 22nd loss in a row dating to last season, four from equaling the NBA record they already share with Cleveland.

Bulls 103, Suns 97: Jimmy Butler scored a season-high 32 points as visiting Chicago beat Phoenix for its fourth victory in a row.

Pau Gasol added 17 points and eight rebounds, Kirk Hinrich scored 14 and former Phoenix guard Aaron Brooks had 12 points as Chicago ended the Suns' three-game winning streak. Bulls guard Derrick Rose sat out with a sore left ankle.

Hawks 103, Kings 97: Paul Millsap scored 23 points, including a running one-hander with 15.7 seconds remaining

as host Atlanta held off Sacramento.

The Hawks, who had lost four of five, appeared in good shape when Lamar Patterson hit a layup off an extra pass from Thabo Sefolosha, pushing Atlanta to a 99-88 lead with 2:49 left.

DeMarcus Cousins scored 24 points and pulled down 12 rebounds for the Kings. Rajon Rondo managed a triple-double with 12 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists.

Thunder 110, Pelicans 103: Russell Westbrook had 43 points, nine rebounds and eight assists as host Oklahoma City recovered from a slow start to beat injury-depleted New Orleans.

Enes Kanter added 24 points and 14 rebounds for the Thunder, who bounced back after blowing fourth-quarter leads in losses to Boston and Memphis.

The Thunder (7-5) are 2-2 without star forward Kevin Durant, who missed his fourth straight game with a hamstring injury.

Hornets 116, Nets 111: Nicolas Batum had 24 points and eight assists as host Charlotte held off Brooklyn.

Al Jefferson and Kemba Walker chipped in with 18 points apiece for the Hornets, who have won six of nine to get back to .500. Marvin Williams scored 14 points and Jeremy Lin had 13 points and nine rebounds off the bench for the Hornets (6-6).

Magic 104, Timberwolves 101 (OT): Evan Fournier scored 26 points and hit a three-pointer with 3.1 seconds left in overtime to push host Orlando past Minnesota.

Elfrid Payton had 24 points and six assists for the Magic. Tobias Harris finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Jazz 93, Raptors 89: Alec Burks made the go-ahead jumper with 1:12 left and scored nine of his 13 points in his team's big fourth quarter, helping host Utah beat Toronto.

Derrick Favors had 18 points, 11 rebounds and a clinching three-point play for the Jazz, who trailed by six midway through the final period before an 11-2 run gave them their first lead since the second quarter.

UNC pulls away from Wofford

The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — No. 1 North Carolina had a distinct size advantage against Wofford. The Tar Heels used it to eventually wear down the pesky Terriers.

Brice Johnson had 16 points and 14 rebounds, and North Carolina beat Wofford 78-58 on Wednesday night in the CBE Hall of Fame Classic.

Kennedy Meeks and Joel Berry II added 16 apiece for the Tar Heels (3-0). They shot 52.5 percent, outscored the Terriers 50-18 in the paint and outrebounded them 42-24 but couldn't pull away until late.

Wofford didn't have a starter taller than 6-foot-7 and the only player on the roster taller than 6-8 played just 14 minutes.

"We should have used our size to our advantage instead of shooting turnaround jumpers and 10-foot hooks," Johnson said, adding that assistant coach Hubert Davis told the big men, "I would be offended if they have guys that size on our guys and they're not (double-teaming) the post."

Jaylen Allen scored 15 points for the Terriers (0-2).

"I was just thrilled with how hard we played and how competitive we were," Wofford coach Mike Young said. "I can't say I was surprised. ... I told them after the game that (until now) I'd never gotten my tail whipped by 20 ... and felt really, really good about our team."

The Terriers hit nine three-pointers and twice fell behind by double figures before rallying to make it a one-possession game. They threatened to do it again when Allen's three made it 58-50 with 9 minutes left.

Johnson followed with a stickback before Nate Britt had consecutive steal-and-scores, the second of which gave the Tar Heels their largest lead to that point — 64-50 — with 8 minutes to play.

Wofford never got closer than 11 after that while North Carolina pulled away, finally stretching the lead to 20 on Berry's jumper with about 90 seconds remaining.

No. 10 Gonzaga 91, Northern Arizona 52: Domantas Sabonis scored 26 points and Kyle Wiltjer added 23 to help the host Bulldogs beat the Lumberjacks.

It was the first game of the season for Gonzaga (1-0), after its season opener against Pittsburgh was called off at halftime due to extremely slippery court conditions at the Armed Forces Classic in humid Okinawa, Japan.

Gonzaga shot 53 percent and won the rebound battle 53-31.

No. 21 Purdue 96, Incarnate Word 61: Isaac Haas scored 17 points and the Boilermakers shot 72 percent from the field during a 53-point first half to rout the visiting Cardinals in a Hall of Fame Tipoff game.

The Boilermakers (3-0) made 11 of their first 12 two-point attempts and finished the first 20 minutes 17-for-19 (89.5 percent) inside the arc.

A three-pointer from Kyle Hittle with 8:54 left in the half pulled Incarnate Word (2-1) to within 22-17, but during the final 8:38, the Boilermakers outscored the Cardinals 31-7.

Army 96, Fairleigh Dickinson 85: Kyle Wilson scored 36 points as the Black Knights beat the host Knights.

Wilson was 13-for-17 from the field including eight from distance for the Black Knights (3-0). Kevin Ferguson had 20 points and nine rebounds and Tanner Plomb added 16 points and led the team with 16 rebounds.

Hossa's OT goal lifts Blackhawks to win

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Patrick Kane and Artemi Panarin kept up their points onslaught, and the Chicago Blackhawks kept on rolling.

Marian Hossa scored 1:08 into overtime and Panarin had a goal and two assists to lift the Blackhawks over the Edmonton Oilers 4-3 on Wednesday night for their third consecutive victory.

Kane had two assists and extended his point streak to 14 games but had his goal streak ended at seven. He leads the NHL with 13 goals and 30 points.

Panarin, a 24-year-old rookie, has points in six straight games, amassing five goals and five assists in that time while on a line with Kane and Artem Anisimov. Kane and Panarin came into the game having accounted for more than 37 percent of team scoring this season.

Hossa turned a long pass from Brent Seabrook into a breakaway and beat Anders Nilsson with a slap shot from in close. The winner came after Corey Crawford made a huge save on Taylor Hall's blast 30 seconds into overtime.

Crawford finished with 34 saves, none bigger than that one.

"That obviously kept us in the game, that was an unbelievable save, a highlight save," Hossa said. "That's why we won the game. Even though the game was almost over with a few minutes left, that kind of save gives a boost to the bench and when you are up on the next shift, that definitely gives you an extra boost."

Duncan Keith and Andrew Shaw also scored for the Blackhawks, who began a six-game trip.

"It was good to get a win starting this trip," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "But give them credit, they were all over us in the first period, and we got it going a little bit in the second, but that might have been the only stretch where we liked how we were playing."

Benoit Pouliot, Jordan Eberle and Leon Draisaitl scored, Teddy Purcell had two assists and Edmonton lost its third straight.

Capitals 2, Red Wings 1 (OT): Evgeny Kuznetsov scored 45 seconds into overtime to lift Washington over host Detroit.

Alex Ovechkin was held without a goal for the fourth straight game and re-

mained tied with Sergei Fedorov for the NHL's career lead among Russian players. Justin Williams scored for the Caps on a first-period power play after Dylan Larkin had opened the scoring for Detroit.

Braden Holtby had 25 saves for Washington, including two stops on clean breakaways during regulation.

Jets 4, Canucks 1: Mark Scheifele and Drew Stafford each had two goals and an assist as host Winnipeg ended a six-game losing streak.

Mathieu Perreault had three assists and Ondrej Pavelec made 29 saves for the Jets.

Stafford put Winnipeg up 1-1 late in the second put with his first goal in 12 games. He scored again with 1:34 left in the game into an empty net.

Winnipeg was outscored 27-10 during its skid and had allowed 5.25 goals per game over its past four.

Ryan Miller stopped 30 shots and the Canucks lost their fourth game in a row. This was the last in a seven-game trip — Vancouver's longest this season.

Daniel Sedin scored on the power play for Vancouver 6:44 into the second period.