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## Brussels on alert as fugitive is hunted

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Belgian police launched new raids in the capital and beyond early Monday in their hunt for a fugitive suspect in the Paris attacks as Brussels entered a workweek grappling with a third day of unprecedented security measures that have closed subways, shopping districts and now schools.

In Paris, British Prime Minister David Cameron said he will ask for parliamentary approval for the U.K. to join airstrikes against Islamic State extremists in Syria. If approved, Britain would join other nations carrying out bombings in Syria, including the U.S., France and Russia.

France's Defense Ministry said it had launched its first airstrikes from the Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier, bombing Islamic State targets in the Iraqi cities of Ramadi and Mosul in a seven-hour operation. The ministry said four Rafale fighter jets were sent from the carrier Monday afternoon. France has already carried out strikes against Islamic State

targets in Syria.

The raids in Belgium began late Sunday, capping a tense weekend that saw hundreds of troops patrolling streets and authorities hunting for one or more suspected extremists, including Salah Abdeslam, a fugitive since being named a suspect in the Paris attacks that killed 130 and wounded hundreds of others on Nov. 13. Between Sunday night and midday Monday, 21 people were detained.

The Belgian government kept the capital on the highest state of alert in the face of what it described as a "serious and imminent" threat, preventing a return to normal in the city that is also host to the European Union's main institutions.

Federal prosecutor Eric Van Der Sypt said 19 raids were carried out Sunday in Molenbeek, home to many of the Paris attackers, and other boroughs of Brussels, and three raids were carried out in Charleroi. Van Der Sypt said no firearms or explosives were found.

Belgian Interior Minister Jan Jambon told the RTL network

that Abdeslam "must have a lot of support on our territory. That's why all these searches being conducted at the moment are important."

Police fired two shots at a car that approached them as they searched a snack bar in Molenbeek, Van Der Sypt said. The vehicle escaped but was stopped later in Brussels, and a wounded person inside was arrested. It wasn't immediately known if the person was linked to the investigation into the Paris attacks.

Cameron and French President Francois Hollande, meeting in Paris, paid a quiet visit to the Bataclan concert venue, which saw the worst of the carnage in Paris. Hollande plans to meet Tuesday with President Barack Obama, then Wednesday with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday in pursuit of a unified strategy in Syria.

Britain has been carrying out airstrikes in Iraq, but Cameron has long wished for an expanded mandate to include targets in Syria. Having lost

a vote once two years ago, his government had been reluctant to even suggest a vote until it could be certain it would win.

Belgian authorities said more raids Monday in Brussels and eastern Liege yielded five more detentions.

Frank Foley, lecturer in war studies at King's College London and a terrorism expert, said the measures intended to avoid attacks similar to the ones that caused carnage in Paris could even be counterproductive if they last too long.

"If these dramatic measures continue in Brussels, we will be doing the terrorists' job for them," he said. "The government may be unintentionally contributing to the atmosphere of fear."

But Henry Willis, director of RAND Homeland Security and Defense Center, likened the clampdown in Paris to the reaction of U.S. authorities after the Boston marathon bombing.

"They did shut down the city for a couple of days and when they lifted those restrictions, that's when they caught the terrorist," he said.

## US boosts attacks on Islamic State oil trucks in Syria

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Accelerating its attacks on one of the Islamic State's most important sources of income, the U.S. military said Monday it destroyed 283 tanker trucks used by the militants to transport oil from producing fields in eastern Syria to smuggling points.

The attack by four A-10 attack planes and two AC-130 gunships was carried out Saturday at a site near Deir el-Zour and al-Hasakah but was not reported until Monday. It followed a similar assault on Nov. 15 that destroyed 116

tanker trucks and is part of a broader air campaign, dubbed Operation Tidal Wave II, designed to cripple the militants' oil production, refining and distribution system. The U.S. has said oil provides about half the group's total income.

Until Nov. 15, the U.S. had refrained from attacking oil trucks, fearing it could cause unintended civilian deaths.

In its daily summary of airstrikes, the U.S.-led military coalition said Monday that 283 vehicles had been struck in eastern Syria on Nov. 21 but did not elaborate. Army Col. Steve Warren, a U.S. military

spokesman in Baghdad, said in an email exchange that the vehicles were oil tanker trucks and that the attack was part of the broader oil-targeting campaign.

U.S. aircraft dropped warning leaflets and made strafing runs in the area to persuade the civilian drivers of the tanker trucks to abandon their vehicles before the bombing began, Warren said, adding that the U.S. believes no civilians were injured or killed.

Islamic State controls nearly all of Syria's oil fields, concentrated in the east of the country, producing some 30,000 barrels

per day, along with one field in Iraq. It smuggles the oil mainly to Turkey, selling at cut-rate prices and generating nearly \$50 million per month.

Russia also has begun targeting the Islamic State's oil infrastructure with airstrikes, including attacks on tanker trucks.

The U.S.-led coalition has targeted oil infrastructure occasionally in the past, including a heavy attack last month on Syria's Omar field near the town of Deir el-Zour that hit refineries, command-and-control centers and transportation nodes.

# Apache crash in S. Korea kills 2 US pilots

*Stars and Stripes*

An AH-64 Apache helicopter with the 2nd Infantry Division crashed in South Korea during a routine training mission Monday about 6:30 p.m., killing both pilots, the division said in a statement.

The crash occurred about 50 miles east

of Camp Humphreys, the statement said.

There were no reports of casualties on the ground, The Associated Press reported.

The identities of the two pilots were being withheld pending next-of-kin notification.

"We offer our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the families of the soldiers in-

involved in this tragic incident," said Lt. Col. Mark Gillespie, deputy commander of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, in the statement. "Our first priority is to provide their families with the support they need during this difficult time."

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

## Trump on rally protester: 'Maybe he should have been roughed up'

*The Washington Post*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Donald Trump on Sunday defended erroneous claims he made about U.S. Muslims cheering the 9/11 attacks and said a black protester at a weekend rally here was "so obnoxious and loud" that "maybe he should have been roughed up" by white audience members.

The Birmingham rally marks the latest example of Trump's refusal to back down amid outcries over his often-incendiary rhetoric — and comes as polls show him once again with a clear lead over the candidates seeking the Republican presidential nomination.

Saturday's altercation occurred in Birmingham, famous in the 1960s as a center of the civil rights struggle. The thousands who attended Trump's rally were nearly all white in a city with a black majority.

Mercutio Southall Jr., a well-known local activist, interrupted Trump's rally and could be heard shouting, "Black lives matter." A fight broke out, prompting Trump to say, "Get him the hell out of here, will you, please? Get him out of here. Throw him out."

At one point, Southall fell to the ground and was surrounded by several white men who appeared to be kicking and punching him, according to video captured by CNN. A Washington Post reporter witnessed one of the men put his hands on Southall's neck.

As security officers led him out of the building, he was repeatedly pushed and shoved by people in the crowd. There were chants of "All lives matter."

"Maybe he should have been roughed up, because it was absolutely disgusting what he was doing," Trump said on Fox News Channel on Sunday morning. "I

have a lot of fans, and they were not happy about it. And this was a very obnoxious guy who was a troublemaker who was looking to make trouble."

That was a change in tone from just a month ago, when Trump would regularly tell his audiences not to harm the protesters who often infiltrate his rallies.

Also at the Birmingham rally, Trump claimed he watched as "thousands and thousands of people" in Jersey City, N.J., cheered the fall of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, giving the impression he was talking about Muslims living in the United States being happy so many died in the attacks. Officials have repeatedly debunked these persistent Internet rumors — most commonly attached to Paterson, N.J. — and there is no news coverage or other evidence corroborating them.

## 16 hurt in New Orleans gunbattle

*Associated Press*

NEW ORLEANS — Police are trying to figure out what sparked a gunbattle in a crowded New Orleans park that left 16 people wounded. The mayor is calling on witnesses to come forward.

Hundreds of people were gathered at a playground for a block party and music video shoot when two groups opened fire on each other Sunday evening, police said. Police were on their way to break up a big crowd at Bunny Friend playground when gunfire erupted at the park in the city's 9th Ward, the police said in a statement.

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu called on people who were in the park to come forward with information. The police have also asked people who might have any video of the shooting to bring it to police.

"At the end of the day, it's really hard to police against a bunch of guys who decide to pull out guns and settle their disputes with 300 people in between them. That's just not something you can tolerate in the city," Landrieu said.

Police said 10 people were taken to the hospital in ambulances while another six were taken in private vehicles. Photos of the scene showed emergency workers wheeling some of the wounded to ambulances on gurneys while others who appeared to be in pain lay on the ground.

## Report: Bahrain tortured detainees

*Associated Press*

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Bahrain's security forces tortured detainees in the years after its 2011 protests, despite a government promise to stop such abuses in the island nation, according to a new report released Monday.

The Human Rights Watch report on Bahrain, home to

the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, corresponds with accounts of abuse provided by Amnesty International and local activists. It comes as Bahrain has announced the seizure of explosives and weapons it links to Iran, while stripping convicts of their citizenship.

In a statement to The Associated Press, Bahrain's government said the country "is

unequivocally opposed to mistreatment of any kind," without addressing the specific allegations in the report.

Large-scale protests erupted in Western-allied Bahrain in February 2011, demonstrations that were led by the country's majority Shiites seeking greater political rights from the Sunni monarchy.



# Kyle Busch claims 1st Sprint Cup title

Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — When he crashed into a concrete wall at Daytona, Kyle Busch knew instantly his right leg and left foot were broken.

His first thought was that his career was over.

"I was really worried. I was like, 'Man, I don't know if I'm ever going to be able to get back in a car again,'" Busch said. "It did cross my mind, I was thinking, 'My wife's pregnant and I got no job.' I think that's just the emotion that goes through in that moment."

Busch completed a comeback for the ages on Sunday when he won at Homestead-Miami Speedway to earn his first Sprint Cup championship. It came nine months after his crash into a concrete wall the day before the Daytona 500 — a wreck that forced NASCAR to make serious safety improvements across the circuit.

Busch watched the season opener from a hospital bed, had multiple surgeries and withstood a grueling rehabilita-

tion program. He wound up missing just 11 races and returned to his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota right before his 30th birthday and right before wife Samantha gave birth to their first child, a son.

In the hours after that February crash at Daytona, no one predicted he'd end the year as champion.

"I was just terrified that he was really, really in bad shape," said crew chief Adam Stevens. "I didn't know what shape his legs were in, if it was going to be this year or next year, or if he would walk again."

But once he was back in the car, there was no stopping Busch.

He reeled off four wins in five weeks to earn a berth in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, then weathered three rounds of eliminations to knock Kevin Harvick from his perch as reigning champion. Busch also denied Jeff Gordon a fifth crown in his final race.

Harvick finished a distant second, Gordon was sixth, and Martin Truex Jr., the fourth driver in the championship field, finished 12th.

There was a strong sentimental push

for Gordon to go out on top in his final race. But he was only average all season, and that didn't change Sunday night in front of a huge contingent of friends and family that included Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton and Mario Andretti, who both sat atop his pit box at the start of the race.

Gordon led nine laps early in the race and was third for an early restart but he bobbled it and plummeted to eighth. That was about as good as he'd be the rest of the race as he struggled mightily with the handling of his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet.

"Gosh, I'm a little disappointed, I'll be honest," Gordon said. "I thought going into the race we had something for them."

Gordon eventually made his way to victory lane to congratulate Busch, who began his career as Gordon's teammate at Hendrick Motorsports. Temper tantrums and wrecked race cars led to his release before the 2008 season, and Busch has been chasing a Cup championship ever since. He's the most successful driv-

er in the second-tier Xfinity Series and on Friday he captured his fourth owners' championship in the Truck Series.

"All he's been through this year, nobody's more deserving than him," Gordon said about the new champion.

A look at news from NASCAR's final race of 2016:

**Gibbs' championships:** Maybe it's time Joe Gibbs got a new nickname.

The man they call "Coach" now has more NASCAR championships than Super Bowl trophies.

Gibbs won his fourth career Cup title Sunday when driver Kyle Busch won the championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Gibbs won championships with Bobby Labonte in 2000 and Tony Stewart in 2002 and 2005.

Gibbs formed his own race team in 1992, a year before he ended his first stint with the Washington Redskins.

He led the Redskins to three Super Bowl titles (1982, 1987 and 1991).

"Nothing bigger in sports has ever happened to me," the 74-year-old Gibbs said.

# Romo returns, helps Cowboys top Dolphins

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Tony Romo pulled off his latest comeback victory, returning from a collarbone injury to throw for two scores as the Cowboys won for the first time since he was hurt in Week 2 with a win over the Miami Dolphins, 24-14.

The Cowboys (3-7) snapped a seven-game losing streak, their longest in a single season since 1989. The Dolphins (4-6) increased the likelihood they'll miss the playoffs for the seventh year in a row.

Romo went 18-for-28 for 227 yards, and overcame two interceptions by throwing touchdown passes of 31 yards to Terrance Williams and 16 yards to Dez Bryant.

Dallas linebacker Rolando McClain scored the game's first points and his first career touchdown on a 12-yard interception return. Miami had the ball for only 21 minutes.

**Panthers 44, Redskins 16:** Cam Newton threw a career-high five touchdowns passes, and host Carolina improved to 10-0 with a victory over Washington.

Newton completed 21 of 34 passes for 246 yards and threw TD passes to five different receivers as Carolina stretched its regular-season win streak to 14 games, including eight straight at home.

The Panthers scored 27 points off five Washington turnovers, three of those by quarterback Kirk Cousins.

Newton became the first Carolina quarterback to throw four TD passes in the first half as the Panthers jumped to a 31-14 lead. Jonathan Stewart ran for 102 yards on 21 carries and caught a 12-yard touchdown pass. Mike Tolbert, Greg Olsen, Ted Ginn Jr. and Devin Funchess also caught TD passes.

**Cardinals 34, Bengals 31:** Chandler Catanzaro kicked a 32-yard field goal with 2 seconds remaining and host Arizona escaped with a wild victory over Cincinnati.

The field goal was considerably closer than it would have been because Cincinnati's Domata Peko was called for unsportsmanlike conduct for calling out the offensive signals as the Cardinals were about to spike the ball to set up the kick.

**Buccaneers 45, Eagles 17:** Jameis Winston and Doug Martin were an unstoppable combination.

Winston tied a rookie record with five touchdown passes and Martin ran for 235 yards for visiting Tampa Bay. Winston completed 19 of 29 passes for 246 yards and had four of his TD passes in the first half to four different receivers. He tied Matthew Stafford's rookie mark in the third quarter on an 8-yard toss to Cameron Brate, the fifth receiver to catch a TD.

Martin had 177 yards in the first half, including runs of 84 and 58 yards. He finished 2 yards short of tying Barry Sanders' record for most without a TD. Sanders had 237 for the Lions against Tampa in 1994.

**Broncos 17, Bears 15:** Brock Osweiler threw for two touchdowns, and the Broncos stopped Jeremy Langford on a two-point conversion run in the final minute.

Langford scored on a 2-yard run with 24 seconds left to cap a 65-yard drive. But he ran into a crowd on a conversion attempt, and the Broncos escaped.

Osweiler completed 20 of 27 passes for 250 yards with five-time MVP Peyton Manning staying back in Denver because of injuries to his foot, ribs and shoulder.

**Ravens 16, Rams 13:** Baltimore quarterback Joe Flacco tore ligaments in his

left knee during the closing seconds of a victory over visiting St. Louis. The Ravens also lost running back Justin Forsett, who broke both bones in his right forearm.

Justin Tucker kicked a 47-yard field goal as time expired to end a mistake-filled game in which the Ravens rallied from a 10-point deficit.

**Packers 30, Vikings 13:** Aaron Rodgers threw for 212 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Datone Jones had two of Green Bay's six sacks and the visiting Packers stopped a three-game losing streak to pull even in the NFC North race.

James Jones had six catches for 109 yards and a score, Eddie Lacy rushed for a season-high 100 yards on 22 carries, and the Packers beat the rival Vikings for the 10th time in the last 11 meetings with Rodgers at quarterback. He has thrown for 28 touchdown passes with just three interceptions in those games.

**Seahawks 29, 49ers 13:** Rookie Thomas Rawls rushed for 209 yards and had two total touchdowns, while Tyler Lockett caught a pair of TD passes from Russell Wilson, and host Seattle got back to .500.

Starting in place of Marshawn Lynch, out with an abdominal injury, Rawls posted his third 100-yard rushing game of his rookie season and the second time topping 160 yards.

**Colts 24, Falcons 21:** Relying on a pair of 40-somethings, visiting Indianapolis rallied from a pair of two-touchdown deficits to beat slumping Atlanta.

Adam Vinatieri, the oldest player in the league at 42, added another winning kick to his sterling resume, booting a 43-yarder with 52 seconds remaining. The Colts won with 40-year-old Matt Hasselbeck throwing a pair of touchdown passes fill-

ing in for injured Andrew Luck.

**Texans 24, Jets 17:** T.J. Yates tossed two TDs to DeAndre Hopkins, who had 118 yards receiving, and Alfred Blue caught a scoring pass from receiver Cecil Shorts in host Houston's win over New York.

Yates, signed on Oct. 28 after Ryan Mallett was released, started in place of Brian Hoyer, out with a concussion.

**Chiefs 33, Chargers 3:** Justin Houston intercepted Philip Rivers' pass and returned it 17 yards for a touchdown and 346-pound defensive tackle Dontari Poe leaped over the pile for a 1-yard TD for visiting Kansas City.

Alex Smith won again at Qualcomm Stadium as the Chiefs won their fourth straight game following a five-game losing streak.

The Chargers lost their sixth straight.

Rivers had his worst game of the season, throwing for just 178 yards. Rivers attempted a pass to Danny Woodhead from the Chargers 23 and Houston intercepted it and ran it in for a 19-3 lead with 3:27 left in the third quarter.

**Lions 18, Raiders 13:** Matthew Stafford ran for a go-ahead 5-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter and host Detroit won consecutive games for the first time this year. Oakland has a season-high three-game losing streak.

Matt Prater made three field goals on as many attempts in the first half to give Detroit a 9-0 lead.

The Raiders went ahead after their second drive of the third quarter. Latavius Murray's 1-yard touchdown run capped the opening possession of the second half and Sebastian Janikowski made a go-ahead, 48 yard field goal on Oakland's next possession.



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# Warriors match best start ever

Associated Press

DENVER — Who's counting? The Golden State Warriors certainly are. The wins are piling up, and they're moving closer to NBA history.

But they're focused not so much on a number as winning in general.

Klay Thompson scored 21 points and the Warriors tied the best start in league history, beating the Denver Nuggets 118-105 on Sunday night to move to 15-0.

Golden State matches the start of the 1948-49 Washington Capitols and the '93-94 Houston Rockets. The Warriors can break the record Tuesday night at home against the Los Angeles Lakers.

"It's kind of a quiet confidence that we don't feel like we're going to lose anytime soon," Stephen Curry said. "The way we're playing ... we can get even better."

That's a scary thought for a Warriors team that just surpassed the '57-58 Boston Celtics for the best start by a defending champion.

"It's a huge accomplishment," Curry said of their blistering start. "Obviously, coming off a championship and taking care of business 15 straight times to start the season — couldn't ask for a better start."

As good as it gets right there — until Tuesday anyway.

"It would be a cool milestone," Thompson said. "Shows how special this team can be."

The Nuggets saw just how special the Warriors can be first hand. They hit 15 of 29 three-pointers. They dished out 35 as-

sists. They played suffocating defense. They even turned the ball over — 21 times, to interim coach Luke Walton's chagrin — but it didn't seem to hurt them.

Darrell Arthur had 21 points for the Nuggets, who've lost three straight. Kenneth Faried was sidelined by a sprained left ankle.

**Thunder 117, Mavericks 114:** Russell Westbrook had 31 points and 11 assists, hitting two key baskets in the final 63 seconds, and host Oklahoma City rallied from a double-digit third-quarter deficit to snap Dallas' six-game winning streak.

Serge Ibaka had 16 points, nine rebounds and a key late blocked shot for Oklahoma City, which was without star forward Kevin Durant (injured hamstring) for the sixth straight game.

Deron Williams led Dallas with 20 points, but missed an 18-footer and had his layup attempt blocked by Ibaka on consecutive possessions, and Wesley Matthews' last-second off-balance heave from three-point range came nowhere close to the basket.

**Pelicans 122, Suns 116:** Anthony Davis capped a 32-point, 19-rebound performance with a tiebreaking three in the final minute to lead host New Orleans past Phoenix.

Davis, whose rebound total set a season high, also blocked four shots and had two steals. His last block came with 22 seconds left, when he tapped Mirza Teletovic's three-point attempt from the right corner offline. The ball fell to Pelicans guard Ish Smith, and New

Orleans held on from there.

**Nets 111, Celtics 101:** Brook Lopez had 23 points and 10 rebounds, Jarrett Jack scored 13 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter and host Brooklyn earned a split of the teams' home-and-home series.

Two nights after the Celtics won by 25 in Boston, the Nets dominated the second quarter that was pivotal in both games and held on after blowing most of a 22-point lead, their largest of the season.

**Raptors 91, Clippers 80:** DeMar DeRozan had 21 points, DeMarre Carroll scored each of his 21 points in the first half, and visiting Toronto held Blake Griffin and Chris Paul scoreless through the first 20-plus minutes of a win over Los Angeles.

J.J. Redick scored 17 points for Los Angeles (6-7), which has lost three straight and seven of nine after starting the season 4-0. The only other time they were under .500 during Doc Rivers' two-plus seasons as coach was after his first game on the job, which they lost to the Lakers before winning their next three.

**Trail Blazers 107, Lakers 93:** Damian Lillard had 30 points and a career-high 13 assists, and C.J. McCollum added 19 points in Portland's sixth consecutive victory over host Los Angeles.

Kobe Bryant scored 18 points on 6-for-22 shooting, missing all five of his 3-point attempts in the Lakers' third straight loss. Los Angeles' 2-11 start is one game behind their pace from last season, the worst year in franchise history.

## Sharks rally to earn 6th straight win

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Maybe the San Jose Sharks should petition to play every game on the road this season.

Joe Pavelski scored twice and San Jose rallied late for a 5-3 win over the Columbus Blue Jackets for their sixth straight victory on Sunday night.

San Jose won its seventh consecutive road game by completing a perfect six-game trip, giving them the NHL's best record away from home at 10-3-0.

"I think that 6-0 at the NHL level at any time is quite a feat," Sharks coach Peter DeBoer said. "But to go on the road and rattle off those wins in the buildings we just played in, I think is a real testament to the character of our group and the leadership of our group."

Patrick Marleau had a goal and an assist, and Brent Burns and Brenden Dillon also scored for San Jose. Joel Ward added two assists and Alex Stalock made 28 saves.

Ryan Johansen, Boone Jenner and Cam Atkinson scored for Columbus, who were on the cusp of a fifth win in their last six games, but they were doomed by losing faceoffs in crunch time and an ill-timed penalty. Sergei Bobrovsky finished with 24 saves.

Columbus led 3-1 after Atkinson's goal 1:23 into the third, but the Sharks stormed back with help from several key offensive zone faceoff wins. They took the lead by scoring three times in a 7:02 span, including Dillon's go-ahead score with 6:45 left.

"They are opportunistic off of those faceoffs, they score goals, we take a bad penalty and they score on the power play," Blue Jackets coach John Tortorella said. "They found a way to win. We found a way to lose."

**Canadiens 4, Islanders 2:** Alex Galchenyuk broke a tie with 3:29 left and Max Pacioretty added an empty-net goal to lift Montreal over New York to complete a weekend home-and-home sweep.

Galchenyuk one-timed a pass from P.K. Subban for this third goal of the season during a power play. About 2 minutes later, the Islanders were called for too many men and Travis Hamonic was given a game misconduct penalty, setting up Pacioretty's power-play empty-netter.

David Desharnais also scored on the power play for his seventh goal and Tomas Fleischmann added his seventh this season for Montreal. Carey Price made 21 saves and the Canadiens followed a 5-3 win over the Islanders on Friday night with another victory.

**Hurricanes 4, Kings 3:** Justin Faulk scored two power-play goals and host Carolina snapped a five-game losing streak by beating Los Angeles.

Brett Pesce scored his first NHL goal and added an assist, and Jeff Skinner also scored for Carolina, which led 3-0 in the second period.

Faulk scored each of his goals in the second, giving him an NHL-best eight with the man advantage, and Cam Ward made 26 saves for the Hurricanes.

**Devils 3, Canucks 2:** Mike Cammalleri had a goal and two assists, Cory Schneider made 36 saves against his former team and visiting New Jersey ended a two-game skid.

Andy Greene and Adam Henrique also scored for the Devils.

Henrik Sedin and Radim Vrbata had goals for Vancouver, and Jacob Markstrom made 19 stops in his first home start of the season in place of resting No. 1 goalie Ryan Miller..

## Rodriguez, Miami upset No. 22 Butler

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Angel Rodriguez stood on the court, wearing both a big smile and the flag of his native Puerto Rico around his shoulders as he celebrated with Miami teammates.

It had all ended perfectly, from the Hurricanes wrapping up an impressive three-game show to claim the Puerto Rico Tipoff championship to Rodriguez being named the most outstanding player in his return to his hometown.

Rodriguez scored 19 points and Miami took down its second straight ranked opponent, beating No. 22 Butler 85-75 on Sunday night — capping a week that made these Hurricanes look like a potential force in the Atlantic Coast Conference title chase.

When it was over, Miami — picked to finish fifth in the ACC — had shot at least 52 percent and won each game by double figures while averaging 93 points.

"It's only November," coach Jim Larranaga said. "Teams are going to get better. The really great teams are going to improve dramatically between now and March. And we want to be one of those teams. ... Whether we're ranked or not ranked is not the motivation."

Ja'Quan Newton added a career-high 17 points for the Hurricanes (5-0), who followed their romp against No. 16 Utah by building a big lead again, and then protecting that advantage against a surge from Kellen Dunham and the Bulldogs.

Dunham scored 20 of his 23 after halftime, helping Butler (3-1) trim a 19-point gap to four with about 3½ minutes left. But the Hurricanes hit enough free throws late to hang on, earning their second Tipoff title and first since beating Providence to win the inaugural event in 2007.

It was quite a week for the Hurricanes

in San Juan, including a homecoming for Rodriguez — a senior who grew up watching a local pro team play in this same arena before coming to the mainland United States at age 15 to pursue a college scholarship.

Roosevelt Jones finished with 19 points and was the only offense for much of the night for Butler, which shot 44 percent.

"They were just in some ways the hungrier, tougher team early," Butler coach Chris Holtmann said. "Our guys responded in a good way, but tough to do that against a good team. Anytime we got close they seemed to make a big play."

**No. 5 Duke 86, Georgetown 84:** Grayson Allen scored a career-high 32 points, and No. 5 Duke beat Georgetown 86-84 in the 2K Classic championship on Sunday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Derryck Thornton had 14 points and Matt Jones scored 11 for the Blue Devils (4-1), who trailed by five at halftime.

**No. 6 Virginia 83, George Mason 66:** Malcolm Brogdon had 21 points, London Perrantes had 16 points and 11 assists and Virginia won the Charleston Classic championship.

The Cavaliers (4-1) used a first-half run to take control for the third time in three games here, ending a week that began with an upset loss to George Washington with a tournament title.

**No. 11 Villanova 75, Akron 56:** Josh Hart scored a career-high 27 points to lead host Villanova to the victory in the NIT Season Tipoff.

Hart shot 11-for-21 from the field and grabbed nine rebounds. The Wildcats (4-0) trailed by as many as eight in the first half before turning the game around with a 27-5 run across both halves.

**No. 12 Arizona 61, Northwestern State 42:** Gabe York scored 18 points, and host Arizona moved to 4-0 for the

sixth straight season.

Allonzo Trier added 10 points for the Wildcats, who overcame a subpar shooting effort to extend the nation's longest active home winning streak to 42 games.

**No. 16 Utah 74, Temple 68:** Jakob Poeltl had a huge performance and Brandon Taylor hit the go-ahead shot with 28.4 seconds left, lifting Utah to third place at the Puerto Rico Tipoff.

**No. 21 Purdue 85, Florida 70:** Rapheal Davis scored 18 points to lead five players in double figures, and Purdue (5-0) won the Hall of Fame Tip-Off tournament.

**No. 25 Oregon 73, Valparaiso 67:** Dillon Brooks had 26 points and 13 rebounds for host Oregon (4-0), and Tyler Dorsey added 21 points.

### Service Academies

**George Washington 92, Army 81:** Kevin Larsen scored 21 points and George Washington held off Army late in a first-round game in the Barclay's Center Classic.

The Colonials (4-0) finished the first half on a 6-2 run and took an 11-point lead, 46-35, into intermission.

**Navy 76, Goucher 47:** Tom Lacey had 13 points and 11 rebounds, Shawn Anderson added 13 points, and host Navy surged ahead in the second half to beat Division III Goucher

Will Kelly scored 10 points with 10 boards for the Midshipmen (2-2), who outrebounded the Gophers 50-21. Tilman Dunbar had six of the 21 assists Navy used in scoring 30 field goals.

**Air Force 64, Robert Morris 52:** Hayden Graham had 16 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists for host Air Force.

Graham needed three assists in the final 6:17 to record Air Force's first triple-double in program history.