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## Verdict in Marine's murder trial likely to spark protests

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Protests are likely in the Philippines no matter what verdict is issued Tuesday in the trial of a U.S. Marine accused of killing a transgender woman whom he picked up in a bar and took to a hotel for sex.

The case — which has been heard sporadically since March in a courtroom in Olongapo City, about an 80-mile drive from Manila — has cast a pall over the renewal of military relations between the U.S. and the Philippines, providing fodder for those who object to any American presence.

Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton is charged with killing Jeffrey "Jennifer" Laude, 26, on Oct. 11, 2014. The two met in a disco in a red-light district of Olongapo — the main city along Subic Bay — while Pemberton was bar-hopping with other Marines after joint U.S.-Philippine military exercises. They checked into a nearby hotel, and Laude was later found strangled with her head in the toilet.

"When the Pemberton verdict is announced, there will be protests regardless of the outcome," said Carl Baker of the Pacific Forum think tank in Hawaii.

"When people are reminded of the crime, there is a bump in anti-American sentiment."

There have been periods in recent years when a single incident has sparked weeks of protests in front of the U.S. Embassy.

If Pemberton is acquitted, there will be accusations that the trial was fixed. If he's convicted, appeals are certain, and there likely will be wrangling over where he will be held while

they are heard. The Philippines will want custody — TV news has reported a cell has been prepared — while the U.S. will almost certainly seek to avoid handing him over until the judicial process is completed.

After Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith was convicted of rape in 2005 and was sentenced to 40 years, many Filipinos were angry when he was detained at the U.S. Embassy rather than a local prison and then returned to the U.S. following a settlement with the victim's family.

But public support also has been growing for a stronger U.S. military presence, particularly with China's aggression in the South China Sea, the ongoing threat of terrorism and the typhoons, earthquakes and volcanoes that regularly batter the country.

U.S. bases in the Philippines were shut down more than two decades ago after the Philippine Senate rejected a treaty to renew their lease.

Then came the rise of Muslim separatist groups like the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf, which carried out illegal activities, including a lengthy mass kidnapping in 2001 in which they used the ransom to buy better weapons and boats.

The U.S. sent in counterterrorism trainers, high-tech surveillance equipment and other gear to help raise the Philippine military's professionalism in what was dubbed the second front in the global war on terrorism after Afghanistan.

Despite criticism of the return of American troops, that low-key mission — U.S. forces were banned from direct involvement in combat — has been largely hailed as a success, with Abu

Sayyaf's leadership decimated.

The U.S. military's image has been further burnished by its help in the wake of natural disasters, particularly the most powerful typhoon on record, which devastated large swaths of the central Philippines two years ago.

Then China began building up disputed, low-lying reefs and islets in the South China Sea that are claimed by the Philippines and other countries. There have been small-scale clashes, leading Manila to sign an agreement with President Barack Obama to allow U.S. forces to pre-position disaster relief supplies and other materials in the country.

That deal spawned its own backlash, with the Philippine Senate calling it a treaty that should require Senate ratification instead of something that the president could finalize alone. The national Supreme Court is considering the constitutionality of the agreement now, with a decision expected in December that could spark its own protests.

Patricio Abinales, a Philippines expert at the University of Hawaii, said any fallout from the Pemberton case is likely to be short-lived.

"I think there will be the usual noise from the small, left-wing groups, but in the light of what China is doing, and with Obama reiterating American commitment to Philippine security during last week's APEC meeting, Pemberton's case will be in the media for at most a week, then disappear to the inside pages," Abinales said.

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## Agency to release report on NC base water

*The High Point (N.C.) Enterprise*

HIGH POINT, N.C. — A federal agency will issue a report this week about the effects on people from past water contamination at Camp Lejeune, N.C., a study that included meetings earlier this year in the Piedmont Triad area.

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry will release the results of the investigation Saturday. The health studies were conducted to understand the impact of exposure to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune.

The studies included hearings held in Greensboro in May during which federal investigators heard from Marines and sailors, their families and civilian staff who might have been at the base during the time when drinking water was tainted.

The contamination of drinking water at Camp Lejeune started in the early 1950s and ended in 1985, when contaminated water wells were removed from use. Contaminants in the water included tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene, benzene and vinyl chloride.

A privately owned dry cleaner next to Camp Lejeune, as well as base activities that released fuel and chlorinated solvents into the environment, were identified as the sources of the contamination, according to the federal government.

Studies have linked exposures to the drinking water with a number of diseases and health conditions, including multiple cancers and preterm births. Marine Corps and Navy personnel, their families and civilian employees who worked at the base were part of the studies.

# Downing of plane concerns US' Arab allies

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*Stars and Stripes*

AMMAN, Jordan — Turkey's downing of a Russian jet along the Syrian-Turkish border has alarmed America's Arab allies, who fear another such incident could lead to a "very hot response" by Moscow that could sabotage the fight against the Islamic State group.

"The situation along the border (between Syria and Turkey) is critical now," said Hisham Jabar, a former Lebanese general who is now a military analyst.

The Jordanians had been reaching out to Russia in hopes of encouraging Moscow to zero in on Islamic State fighters in Syria rather than Arab and Western-backed insurgents.

Jordan, which allows U.S. jets

to operate from its soil, has set up a joint coordination center with Russia in the capital of Amman to share information on military actions in Syria. Such efforts have been complicated by the fallout from the Turkish attack on the Russian jet. Two Russians — the plane's pilot and a member of the rescue team — were killed in the incident.

Turkish authorities claim the jet flew across a tip of Turkish territory jutting south into northwestern Syria, something Russia denies. They said the F-16 flight leader warned the Russian crew 10 times to turn away before engaging.

"We anticipate a tense Syrian border with Turkey," said a senior Jordanian official familiar with discussions on Tuesday — the day of the attack — between Jordan's King Abdullah

and Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Russian resort of Sochi. "The Russians will not let this one go unanswered."

He said he was certain Turkey, a NATO member, would face a "very hot response" if another Russian plane was threatened. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Jordan, which hosts more than 1 million refugees from the nearly five-year war in neighboring Syria, is one of the few Arab countries still bombing Islamic State targets in that country. The air force has been regularly pounding the militants since February, when they burned alive a captured Jordanian pilot. In the third week of November, it carried out 70 strikes, the military said.

But Jordan, a traditional U.S. ally in the Middle East and one

of the few regional countries that has escaped turmoil in recent years, also has been forging stronger ties with Moscow since the start of the Syrian civil war. King Abdullah, whose country is squeezed between hot spots Iraq, Syria, Israel and the Palestinian territories, has said that any political solution to the conflict in Syria required a "strong role" by Russia.

Analysts in the region have expressed concern that growing tensions between Turkey and Russia could undermine a U.S.-led attempt to open a peace process in January by bringing Syria's government and rebel groups to the negotiating table for the first time, while excluding the Islamic State group and other extremists.

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## Many said dead after Russian strike in Syria

*Associated Press*

BEIRUT — Airstrikes believed to have been carried out by Russian warplanes killed at least 18 people and wounded dozens more on Sunday in a northern Syrian town held by insurgents, Syrian opposition media reported.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the airstrikes struck the town of Ariha, killing at least

18 people and wounding dozens more. The Local Coordination Committees, an activist collective, said the airstrikes struck a busy market, inflicting heavy casualties.

The Observatory, which relies on a network of activists inside Syria, said the airstrike destroyed three buildings in the center of Ariha. Ariha Today, a Facebook page that covers events in the town, said the airstrikes were carried out by

Russian warplanes, killing 40 people and wounding more than 70. Conflicting tolls are common in the chaotic aftermath of violent incidents in Syria.

If Russian warplanes carried out Sunday's strikes, it would be one of the deadliest incidents since Moscow began launching airstrikes in Syria two months ago. Opposition activists say scores of people have been killed by Russian strikes since the air campaign began on Sept. 30.

## Official: Suspect said 'no more baby parts'

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Robert Lewis Dear was reclusive, and he seldom spoke to neighbors in a quiet patch of woods in rural Colorado where he lived.

Now, it's his words that are drawing the most attention as police try to discern his motivations for a shooting attack they say he carried out Friday at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs that killed three people, including a police officer.

After his arrest, Dear said "no more baby parts," said a law enforcement official, who could not elaborate and spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly about the ongoing investigation.

Planned Parenthood cited witnesses as saying the gunman was motivated by his opposition to abortion.

The Planned Parenthood facility in Colorado Springs provides women's health services and has long been the site of regular anti-abortion protests.

From The Associated Press

## Congress struggles to avoid another shutdown

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Congress is racing to close out a \$1.1 trillion spending bill by Dec. 11 and avoid a holiday season government shutdown.

At issue are dozens of policy provisions attached to the 12 spending bills. When a bill has trouble advancing on its own, lawmakers often try to add it to the spending legislation.

For powerful interest groups,

these so-called riders are often the last, best chance to push items on their agenda through Congress.

Republicans have attached provisions that take on President Barack Obama's health overhaul, new environmental regulations and the 2010 Dodd-Frank law tightening oversight of the financial services industry.

If history is any guide, Obama

and Democrats, whose votes will be needed to pass the spending bill, will avoid most of them.

But lots of lower-tier issues are in play. For example, anti-Castro forces in the House appear unlikely to reverse Obama's moves to loosen rules about traveling to Cuba. And supporters of medical marijuana are hopeful they can win guarantees against harassment by federal authorities.



# Final 4 falls into place for committee

Associated Press

The College Football Playoff selection committee is set up to have a pretty easy championship weekend.

Clemson is in with a win.

Alabama is in with a win.

The winner of the Big Ten championship game between Iowa and Michigan State gets in.

And Oklahoma pretty much sealed up its spot on Saturday night with a 58-23 win at Oklahoma State in its finale.

Barring surprises in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game or the Southeastern Conference title game next Saturday, Jeff Long's crew should be able to get a decent night's sleep before revealing the field.

The committee might want to send Stanford a thank you note. Unfortunately for the Cardinal, it probably won't come with an invitation to the final four.

The Cardinal beat Notre Dame 38-36 on a last-second field goal, handing the Fighting Irish (10-2, No. 6 CFP) their second loss of the season. Notre Dame at 11-1 probably would have forced the com-

mittee to at least reconsider whether the Fighting Irish belonged in over maybe the Big 12 champion Sooners or the Big Ten champion.

Not a problem anymore.

Stanford heads to the Pac-12 championship game against USC, hoping for an upset in the ACC or SEC.

Clemson has to get through North Carolina, which has won 11 straight since an opening loss to South Carolina. The Tar Heels (11-1, No. 14 CFP) haven't gotten much love from the committee without marquee victories on their resume and two FCS wins. Beating Clemson (12-0, No. 1 CFP) would be about as big as it gets, but North Carolina has a long way to jump.

Maybe Florida can throw the committee a curve? The Gators (10-2, No. 12 CFP) trudge into the SEC championship game against Alabama (11-1, No. 2 CFP), coming off a 27-2 loss to Florida State. A Florida victory next week would likely leave the SEC out of the playoff. More likely though, the SEC championship will be an opportunity for Crimson Tide tailback Derrick Henry to wrap up the Heisman after he

went for 271 yards on a school-record 46 carries in a victory against Auburn on Saturday.

Who else is hoping for chaos? Hello, Ohio State (11-1, No. 8 CFP).

The Buckeyes were a week too late with their best performance of the season, pounding Michigan 42-13 behind Ezekiel Elliott, who got plenty of touches and ran all over the Wolverines.

Ohio State might have to settle for the Rose Bowl as a pretty cool consolation prize.

**Who's No. 1:** Rivalry games can be tricky and both Clemson and Alabama had difficulty pulling away in their annual in-state grudge matches.

The Tigers again gave the selection committee some reason to reconsider whether they should be No. 1. Deshaun Watson was great, running for three touchdowns and passing for another, but the Clemson defense had a tough time containing South Carolina in a 37-32 victory.

"I'm just looking to be 13-0 next week," said Watson, who bolstered his Heisman Trophy credentials.

Clemson takes a 15-game winning streak into the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

A more dominant performance by Alabama, which beat Auburn 29-13, might have given the committee reason to flip the Tide and Tigers. While Alabama's overall resume features more wins against good teams, Clemson gets the edge in big victories with wins against Notre Dame and Florida State.

Body of work probably still goes to the Tigers.

What's on the line is home-field advantage of sorts.

The No. 1 seed gets to play as close to home as possible. That would put Clemson in the Orange Bowl in Miami if it's still the top team. The Cotton Bowl in North Texas will host the other semifinal. Ideally, the committee would not want put a team seeded third or fourth too close to home, but if the rankings stay as is with Oklahoma at No. 3, the Sooners would get a short trip to the Dallas area to play the Tide.

## How the AP college football Top 25 fared

**1 Clemson (12-0) beat South Carolina 37-32.** At Columbia, S.C., Deshaun Watson ran for three touchdowns and passed for a fourth and Clemson capped an undefeated regular season.

**Next:** vs. No. 11 North Carolina, ACC Championship, Saturday.

**2 Alabama (11-1) beat Auburn 29-13.** At Auburn, Ala., Derrick Henry ran 46 times for 271 yards, Adam Griffith kicked five field goals and Alabama won the Southeastern Conference's West title.

**Next:** vs. No. 10 Florida, SEC championship, Saturday.

**3 Iowa (12-0) beat Nebraska 28-20, Friday.** Jordan Canzeri broke long touchdown runs on back-to-back series in the third quarter, and No. 3 Iowa completed its first perfect regular season in 93 years.

**Next:** vs. No. 6 Michigan State, Big Ten championship, Saturday.

**4 Notre Dame (10-2) lost to No. 13 Stanford 38-36.** Conrad Ukropina kicked a 45-yard field goal just 30 seconds after the Irish had taken the lead to give Stanford a win on the final play of a playoff elimination game.

**Next:** vs. TBD.

**5 Oklahoma (11-1) beat No. 9 Oklahoma State 58-23.** At Stillwater, Okla., Baker Mayfield threw two TD passes and ran for another score and Oklahoma earned the Big 12 title and likely a spot in the playoffs.

**Next:** vs. TBD

**6 Michigan State (11-1) beat Penn State 55-16.** At East Lansing, Mich., Connor Cook threw three touchdown passes in his return from a shoulder injury, and the Spartans wrapped up a spot in the Big Ten championship game.

**Next:** vs. No. 3 Iowa, Big Ten championship, Saturday.

**7 Baylor (9-2) lost to No. 15 TCU 28-21, 2OT, Friday.** At Fort Worth, Texas, Devin

Chafin accounted for every Baylor touchdown, including a 4-yard catch in the first overtime. But on fourth-and-1 in double overtime, Chafin was stopped short and the seventh-ranked Bears were knocked out of contention for a third consecutive Big 12 title.

**Next:** vs. Texas, Saturday.

**8 Ohio State (11-1) beat No. 12 Michigan 42-13.** At Ann Arbor, Mich., Ezekiel Elliott ran for 214 yards and two touchdowns for Ohio State. The Buckeyes have won 11 of the last 12 games against Michigan.

**Next:** vs. TBD.

**9 Oklahoma State (10-2) lost to No. 5 Oklahoma 58-23.** J.W. Walsh passed for 325 yards and two scores, and James Washington caught seven passes for 169 yards and touchdown for the Cowboys.

**Next:** vs. TBD.

**10 Florida (10-2) lost to No. 14 Florida State 27-2.** Treon Harris was Florida's biggest problem again. He was inaccurate and indecisive for the fourth consecutive week, this one proving costly.

**Next:** vs. No. 2 Alabama, SEC championship, Saturday.

**11 North Carolina (11-1) beat N.C. State 45-34.** At Raleigh, N.C., Elijah Hood and T.J. Logan ran for touchdowns in a dominating first quarter.

**Next:** vs. No. 1 Clemson, ACC championship, Saturday.

**12 Michigan (9-3) lost to No. 8 Ohio State 42-13.** Michigan trailed the entire game and pulled within four points twice in the first half. The Buckeyes' no-huddle, up-tempo offense gave the Wolverines problems much like Indiana did when the Hoosiers ran for 307 yards two weeks ago.

**Next:** TBD.

**13 Stanford (10-2) beat No. 4 Notre Dame 38-36.** At Stanford, Calif., Kevin Hogan threw four touchdown passes and drove the Cardinal to the winning 45-yard

field goal by Conrad Ukropina on the last play.

**Next:** vs. Southern Cal, Pac-12 championship, Saturday.

**14 Florida State (10-2) beat No. 10 Florida 27-2.** Dalvin Cook ran for 183 yards and two touchdowns, Roberto Aguayo kicked two long field goals and Florida State upended Florida.

**Next:** TBD

**15 TCU (10-2) beat No. 7 Baylor 28-12, 2OT, Friday.** Trevone Boykin threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to KaVontae Turpin in the second overtime after scoring on a 1-yard run in the first extra period, helping the Horned Frogs beat Baylor.

**Next:** TBD.

**16 Navy (9-2) lost to No. 21 Houston 52-31, Friday.** Keenan Reynolds, Navy's great triple-option quarterback, rushed for 84 yards on 19 carries and a fourth quarter touchdown and was 14-for-17 for 312 yards passing and a touchdown for the Midshipmen (9-2, 7-1).

**Next:** vs. Army at Philadelphia, Dec. 12.

**17 Northwestern (10-2) beat Illinois 24-14.** At Chicago, Justin Jackson rushed for 172 yards and a touchdown for Northwestern. Freshman Clayton Thorson threw for 146 yards and a score to help Northwestern avenge last year's 47-33 home loss to Illinois.

**Next:** TBD.

**18 Oregon (9-3) beat Oregon State 52-43, Friday.** The Ducks held off the Beavers' furious second-half rally in the 119th meeting between the teams. Vernon Adams threw for 366 yards and three touchdowns.

**Next:** TBD.

**19 Mississippi (9-3) beat No. 23 Mississippi State 38-27.** At Starkville, Miss., Chad Kelly threw for 236 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a score. It's just the second time in 12 years that the road team has won the Egg Bowl.

**Next:** TBD.

**20 Washington State (8-4) lost to Washington 45-10, Friday.** At Seattle, the Cougars committed seven turnovers for the first time since 2009, and watched Sidney Jones, Darren Gardenhire and Azeem Victor take three of them back for touchdowns as Washington rolled to a win in the Apple Cup.

**Next:** TBD.

**21 Houston (11-1) beat No. 16 Navy 52-31, Friday.** Greg Ward, Jr. threw for 308 yards and three touchdowns, sending Houston to the first American Athletic Conference championship game.

**Next:** vs. Temple, AAC Championship, Saturday.

**22 UCLA (8-4) lost to Southern Cal 40-21.** At Los Angeles, Cody Kessler threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score, and Southern California won the Pac-12 South title.

**Next:** TBD.

**23 Mississippi State (8-4) lost to No. 19 Mississippi 38-27.** Dak Prescott completed 31 of 42 passes for 254 yards and two touchdowns, but was sacked seven times and rarely looked comfortable in the pocket.

**Next:** TBD.

**24 Toledo (9-2) lost to Western Michigan 35-30, Friday.** Toledo completed a 9-2 season with a loss that will keep the Rockets out of the MAC championship game.

**Next:** TBD

**25 Temple (10-2) beat UConn 27-3.** At Philadelphia, Jahad Thomas ran for 129 yards and two touchdowns, P.J. Walker threw for 160 yards and a score and Temple beat UConn to secure a spot in the American Athletic Conference's inaugural championship game.

**Next:** vs. No. 21 Houston, ACC Championship, Saturday.



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# Curry rests, Warriors win 18th

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry scored 19 points in Golden State's NBA-record 18th straight win at the start of a season, but what he didn't do against the Sacramento Kings was just as important to the defending champion Warriors.

Curry, the league's reigning Most Valuable Player and its leading scorer this season with an average of 32.6 points, played less than 30 minutes in the 120-101 victory Saturday night and took only seven shots — all but one in the first quarter.

"I'm sure Steph doesn't like it," Warriors interim head coach Luke Walton said. "But the coaching staff and the training staff, we're thrilled to get him that rest."

Draymond Green had his second straight triple-double and the Warriors, who led by 10 points at halftime, opened the third quarter with a 27-8 run that included four three-pointers by Brandon Rush to build their lead to 29 points. The Kings didn't get within 21 points again until the final minute of the game.

Green had 13 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists. Rush scored 16 points and Klay Thompson added 15 for the Warriors.

Rudy Gay scored 20 points for

Sacramento, which fell to 6-12.

**Cavaliers 90, Nets 88:** LeBron James made a running hook shot with a second left and scored 26 points, lifting host Cleveland over Brooklyn.

After Joe Johnson's three foul shots tied it with 15.2 seconds left, the Cavaliers called timeout and took the ball at midcourt.

James took the inbounds pass, dribbled to the top of the key before cutting to the right of the lane and hitting a hook shot over Brook Lopez, the Nets' 7-foot center.

**Raptors 84, Wizards 82:** At Washington, Cory Joseph made a three-pointer at the buzzer to lift Toronto.

Joseph took DeMar DeRozan's pass in the corner and nailed the winning shot. He finished with 12 points as the Raptors won their fourth straight despite tying a season high with 22 turnovers.

Kyle Lowry scored 27 points for the Raptors. Bradley Beal scored 20 points for Washington.

**Spurs 108, Hawks 88:** Kawhi Leonard scored 22 points and host San Antonio won its fifth straight, holding Atlanta to several season lows offensively.

The Spurs matched a season high with nine three-pointers.

Atlanta had season lows for points in

any quarter (12 in the second), first-half points (37) and matched a season low for total points. The Hawks' starters finished with 38 points.

**Trail Blazers 108, Lakers 96:** Damian Lillard scored 29 points and host Portland handed Los Angeles its fifth straight loss.

CJ McCollum added 28 points for the Blazers. They have won three of their last four games after a six-game losing streak. Kobe Bryant scored 21 points in the Lakers' seventh straight road loss.

**Mavericks 92, Nuggets 81:** Deron Williams scored 22 points, Zaza Pachulia added 16 points and 12 rebounds, and host Dallas beat Denver to snap a three-game losing streak.

The Mavericks have won five straight at home. The Nuggets began a five-game road trip with their sixth straight loss.

**Jazz 101, Pelicans 87:** Alec Burks scored 21 points and host Utah beat New Orleans.

Gordon Hayward added 17 points, Rodney Hood had 16, and Trevor Booker finished with 13 points and 15 rebounds. Pelicans center Anthony Davis scored 14 of the Pelicans' 16 first-quarter points and finished with 36. Davis also had 11 rebounds and blocked three shots.

# Fury halts Klitschko's title reign

Associated Press

DUESSELDORF, Germany — Tyson Fury defeated Wladimir Klitschko by unanimous decision Saturday to end the Ukrainian's 9½-year reign as heavyweight champion and fulfill his father's prophecy from the day he was born.

Born three months early and weighing just one pound, Fury wasn't given much chance to live, but John Fury told doctors it was his destiny to live and become heavyweight champion of the world. He named the second of his six sons Tyson, after Mike Tyson.

Twenty-seven years later, the 6-foot-9 Tyson Fury, who comes from a bloodline of bare-knuckle champions on both sides of his family, finally lived up to his name.

"It's something I've been working on for my whole life," Fury said. "I'm bred to be a fighter."

After a bruising encounter that ended with cuts near both of Klitschko's eyes, referee Tony Weeks went to the judges' scorecards.

Cesar Ramos and Raul Caiz Sr. scored it 115-112 each, while Ramon Cerdan had it 116-111 in favor of the undefeated Briton (25-0, 18 KO).

Fury took Klitschko's WBA, IBF, and WBO heavyweight belts, as well as the minor IBO title, and attention turned immediately to a potential rematch.

"We have a rematch clause in the contract," Klitschko promoter Bernd Boente said.

Klitschko (64-4, 53 KO), contesting his 28th title fight, was cautious until attempting a recovery in the final rounds, but suffered his first defeat since April 2004.

"The speed was missing. Reach played a big role. I tried but it didn't work," said Klitschko, who at 6-foot-6, was in the unusual position of facing someone taller. Fury, who weighed in at 247 pounds also had 1.1 pound weight advantage.

Klitschko, the premier heavyweight of his era, relinquished the IBF belt he had held since 2006, the WBO title he'd owned since 2008, and the WBA crown he'd had since 2011.

The other major belt, the WBC title, was held by Deontay Wilder of the U.S. That was vacated in 2013 by Klitschko's older brother Vitali, the current mayor of Kiev, Ukraine.

# No. 2 Maryland pulls past Vikings

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Robert Carter had 17 points and eight rebounds to help No. 2 Maryland beat Cleveland State 80-63 on Saturday night.

Jared Nickens added 16 points, and freshman Diamond Stone had a season-high 15 points for the Terrapins (6-0), set for a showdown with No. 9 North Carolina in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Tuesday night.

Demonte Flannigan scored 11 of his 20 points in the first half, and Rob Edwards added 14 points for Cleveland State (2-4), which was 3 of 12 (25 percent) from three-point range. Vinny Zollo went 5 of 7 from the field and had 11 points for the Vikings.

Maryland led by just four at the break and took control by increasing the pres-

sure to open the second half. A dunk by Stone capped an 8-0 run and the Terrapins led 45-33 with 17:06 left.

**No. 4 Iowa State 84, Illinois 73:** At Niceville, Fla., Georges Niang scored 23 points and helped lead a decisive run during the second half in the Cyclones' victory over the Illini in the Emerald Coast Classic championship game.

Jaylon Tate's layup gave the Illini a 58-57 lead before Iowa State (5-0) went on an 18-4 run to take control.

**No. 16 Purdue 77, Lehigh 55:** Sophomore center Isaac Haas scored 21 of his career-high 24 points in the second half and the host Boilermakers pulled away to beat the winless Mountain Hawks.

Purdue took advantage of foul trouble to reigning Patriot League Player of the Year Tim Kempton to improve to 6-0.

Kempton led Lehigh (0-6) with 17 points

and nine rebounds.

**No. 24 Cincinnati 61, George Washington 56:** Troy Caupain scored 16 points, including the go-ahead three-point play with 1:38 to play, and the visiting Bearcats beat the Colonials in the championship game of the Barclays Center Classic.

Caupain's traditional three-point play gave the Bearcats (7-0) a 55-54 lead.

**Navy 71, Jacksonville 65:** At Greensboro, N.C., Jace Hogan scored 17 points, leading five Navy players in double figures as the Midshipmen beat the Dolphins in the Spartan Showcase.

Shawn Anderson and Will Kelly had 12 points apiece, and Tilman Dunbar and Tim Abruzzo scored 10 each for Navy (5-2).

The Midshipmen made 7 of 8 free throws in the final minute to secure the victory.

# Kings rally to top Blackhawks in overtime

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Marian Gaborik put only three shots on net against the Chicago Blackhawks. His last two went in at just the right time for the Los Angeles Kings.

Gaborik scored the tying goal with 5:55 left in regulation and added his fifth of the season 2:04 into overtime, lifting the Kings to a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Saturday night.

Gaborik spoiled a record-setting night for Chicago's Patrick Kane. The winger broke an NHL mark for U.S.-born players with a point in his 19th consecutive game, scoring on a power play and assisting on Niklas Hjalmarsson's first goal of the season.

Kane leads the league with 37 points, and 31 of them have come during the streak.

The Blackhawks beat Anaheim 3-2 in

overtime on Friday night after trailing 2-0 with less than 2 minutes left. In this one, they blew a 2-0 third-period lead.

It was the first time the defending Stanley Cup champions lost when leading after two periods in the regular season since April 12, 2014, when the Nashville Predators rallied from a 3-2 deficit at home to win 7-5. Chicago had won 34 straight since then.

Playing in his 600th regular-season game, Kane opened the scoring with his 14th goal of the season at 11:10 of the first on a power play.

Kane is two games shy of the Blackhawks' franchise record for consecutive games with a goal or an assist, set by Bobby Hull during the 1971-72 season.

**Stars 4, Wild 3 (OT):** Tyler Seguin scored at 3:57 of overtime, and visiting Dallas came back from a three-goal defi-

cit to get the win.

**Capitals 4, Maple Leafs 2:** Jason Chimera had a goal and an assist, and visiting Washington earned its fifth straight victory.

**Devils 3, Canadiens 2 (OT):** Defenseman John Moore scored in overtime, and New Jersey rallied for the road win.

**Blues 3, Blue Jackets 1:** Scottie Upshall scored in the third period to lead host St. Louis to the win over Columbus.

**Oilers 3, Penguins 2 (SO):** Matt Hendricks and Jordan Eberle scored in a shootout, powering Edmonton to its first win at Pittsburgh since Jan. 10, 2006.

**Sabres 4, Predators 1:** Sam Reinhart scored twice in Nashville to send Buffalo to its second straight win.

**Islanders 3, Lightning 2:** John Tavares scored a tiebreaking power-play goal in the third period, leading New York to the road win.

**Sharks 5, Flames 2:** San Jose's Joel Ward and Patrick Marleau scored power-play goals 50 seconds apart in the second period for the home win.

**Coyotes 4, Senators 3:** Mikkel Boedker had his second hat trick against Ottawa this season, and host Arizona ended the Senators' four-game winning streak.

**Flyers 3, Rangers 0:** At New York, Wayne Simmonds had two goals and an assist, and Steve Mason made 24 saves for Philadelphia's fourth shutout this season.

**Avanche 5, Jets 3:** Gabriel Landeskog and Matt Duchene each had a goal and two assists against Winnipeg in a rare home win for Colorado.