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## Judge denies Navy's request to dismiss suit

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WASHINGTON — A federal judge on Thursday denied the Navy's request to dismiss a class-action lawsuit alleging thousands of post-9/11 Navy and Marine Corps were improperly discharged after suffering from injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Tyson Manker, 38, filed the suit in 2018 against the Navy after receiving a less-than-honorable discharge from the Marine Corps following his 2003 deployment to Iraq. The suit seeks to guarantee the fair treatment of veterans when they apply to have their discharge characterizations changed. There is a similar ongoing lawsuit against the Army.

"[The] ruling, in time for Veterans Day, reaffirms the rule of law and brings us one step closer to getting justice for every veteran who was unfairly dismissed from the military with post-traumatic stress disorder,

traumatic brain injury, and military sexual trauma, and denied their honorable discharge," Manker said in a statement.

Manker, a former mortarman, fought in the invasion of Iraq. He was kicked out of the service and booted down to the rank of lance corporal after admitting he used marijuana to self-medicate and lessen the effects of his PTSD. Marijuana is still against military regulations, even in states where the drug is now legal.

More than 13,000 service members separated from the military for misconduct in recent years suffered from PTSD, traumatic brain injury or another disorder and given an other-than-honorable discharge, according to a 2017 study from the Government Accountability Office.

The less-than-honorable discharge can create a lot of hurdles for veterans. Manker said he lost his GI Bill benefits and he has had issues attaining VA health care, despite his level of discharge still qualifying him for care. However, he said it's common

for VA staff to believe he isn't entitled to benefits.

"It felt like I was alone, I put myself through college because I lost my GI Bill," Manker said. "A lot of guys were getting kicked out right when the war was really starting."

When Manker's unit returned from Iraq, they filled out a health evaluation to assess mental health. But according to Manker, there was no follow up from the Marine Corps., despite his PTSD symptoms. He said the screening process for PTSD was "just a check list."

Manker was investigated for using marijuana shortly after returning home. He attacked the process of discharging Marines as unfair and it motivated him to become an attorney. One of his goals is to change his discharge status to honorable.

"I was interrogated without counsel, I was threatened with 50 years at Fort Leavenworth right after my deployment," he said. "I caved obviously."

## Medics travel 16,000 miles to save soldier

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When an Afghanistan-based Special Forces soldier was critically injured in combat over the summer, medics in Texas jumped into action for a 16,000-mile, first-of-its-kind mission to bring him home alive.

The soldier suffered from serious wounds that in the past would have prevented such an evacuation. However, advancements in battlefield medicine and trauma care — honed from decades of fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria — have led to a solution being carried out solely by the 59th Medical Wing's ECMO program at Joint Base San Antonio.

ECMO stands for extracorporeal membrane oxygenation — a heart-lung bypass system that circulates blood through

an external, artificial lung and sends it back into a patient's bloodstream. The technique allows diseased or injured lungs to heal and enables the wing's ECMO team to transport critically ill patients around the world while caring for them.

"We don't delay to see if they're going to get better. We just move immediately," Col. Phillip Mason, director of the wing's ECMO program, said in a recent Air Force video.

On Aug. 16, within hours of being notified about the injured soldier in Afghanistan, a six-member ECMO team was aboard a commercial flight to Germany, Lt. Col. Valerie Sams recently told Stars and Stripes by phone. She's one of only two critical care surgeons in the Air Force able to perform ECMO.

"We hooked up with a C-17 Globemaster III in Germany

and left for [Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan], where surgeons were working on him," she said.

Once at Bagram, the team determined that the soldier didn't need ECMO, but that his kidneys were failing because of the muscle damage. He risked going into cardiac arrest.

"He needed continual renal replacement therapy — continuous dialysis for the entire flight home, which can be difficult," Sams said. "He was critically ill but demonstrated enough physiologic reserve to tolerate his critical illness, and I felt he would survive the flight home."

The nonstop, 20-hour journey back to San Antonio with patient in tow required two nighttime mid-air refuelings — one somewhere over Europe and one over Maine.

The injured soldier has been "doing outstanding," Sams said in a recent email, and should soon enter rehab after being discharged from San Antonio Military Medical Center at Joint Base San Antonio.

While there's nothing groundbreaking about ECMO itself — the treatment was developed in the 1950s — Sams said her team's missions are unique because of the great distances they travel.

"The building and development of the ECMO program was born out of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq," she said. "If we can provide it, the survival rate is very high. Without it, patients would certainly die."

The Air Force began using ECMO in 2012, Sams said, adding that the program has grown exponentially since 2016.

# Coalition troops left unharmed by barrage

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A barrage of Katyusha rockets targeted an Iraqi air base that houses American troops south of the city of Mosul on Friday, officials said. No members of the U.S.-led coalition were injured.

The rocket fire appears to have originated in Mosul and struck the Iraqi army base in Qayara, about 38 miles south of Mosul, where coalition forces are helping the Iraqis battle remnants of Islamic State, Iraqi security officials said. They spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity under regulations.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, nor was it clear whether any of the rockets struck the base.

Iraqi officials did not immediately say whether there were any casualties, though a coalition spokeswoman later said no coalition troops had been injured.

“Coalition forces are in Iraq at the invitation of the Government of Iraq to defeat ISIS remnants,” said U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Marisa Roberts. “We will not be deterred by these attacks and maintain the right to defend ourselves.”

Iraq announced victory over ISIS two years ago, but the

extremist group is still active through sleeper cells and frequently mounts attacks on Iraqi security forces.

Some hard-line Iraqi militias loyal to Iran have recently threatened to carry out attacks against Americans in the country. The U.S. maintains about 5,000 troops in Iraq.

American forces withdrew from Iraq in 2011 but returned in 2014 at the invitation of the government to help battle ISIS after it seized vast areas in the north and west of the country, including Iraq’s second-largest city, Mosul. A U.S.-led coalition provided crucial air support as Iraqi forces regrouped and

drove ISIS out in a costly three-year campaign.

The attack on Friday came as large parts of Iraq, including the capital of Baghdad and Shiite-majority southern provinces, are engulfed in anti-government protests. Rockets have been fired near the U.S. Embassy in the heavily fortified Green Zone in the Iraqi capital on several occasions recently.

Mosul, which was largely destroyed during the war against the Islamic State group, lies north of Baghdad and has not seen any anti-government protests.

## D.C. braces for planned visit by Turkish President

The Washington Post

The last time Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan visited Washington, D.C., members of his security detail overran police and were caught on video beating demonstrators at Sheridan Circle, violent clashes that drew condemnation and criminal charges against more than a dozen of the leader’s guards.

But newly revealed State Department memos show the two-day visit in 2017 was filled with other troubling antics and discord. District of Columbia police and federal officers who were supposed to be helping protect a visiting head of state were instead entangled with his security forces from the moment the delegation’s two planes touched down at Joint Base Andrews.

At one point, U.S. authorities intervened in a squabble among the Turkish guards. In another case, they seized a guard’s weapon and handcuffed him. They later admonished a security officer who accosted a passerby filming the entourage on a downtown street and

barred a guard from traveling in a State Department car. In the course of the visit, several U.S. officers and federal agents were hurt, and at least one was punched.

Erdogan is scheduled to return to Washington on Wednesday, and D.C. police and the State Department are preparing for the possibility of new demonstrations amid a climate even more volatile than in 2017, following the withdrawal last month of American troops from northeastern Syria and Turkey’s invasion targeting Syrian Kurds.

District of Columbia police Chief Peter Newsham would not offer details of security plans but said his department “will take every measure possible to make sure we don’t have another conflict like we had the last time.” He said his staff has been in contact with the State Department.

Officials with several federal agencies—including the Secret Service, the State Department and the White House—did not comment or did not respond to questions about Erdogan’s planned trip.

## More than 100 injured in Iraq clashes, at least 4 killed

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi security forces fired live ammunition at anti-government protesters in central Baghdad on Saturday, killing four and wounding more than 100 others, medical and security officials said.

The deaths came hours after security forces cleared three flashpoint bridges of protesters, using stun grenades and tear gas amid heavy clashes. The bridges span the Tigris and give access to the heavily fortified Green Zone, the seat of government. Protesters have tried to force their way across on an almost daily basis.

The current cycle of anti-government protests and a heavy-handed security crackdown has left more than 250 people dead. Mass protests erupted in Baghdad and across southern Iraq last month, calling for the overhaul of the political system established after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Three of the protesters killed Saturday were hit by live fire, while the fourth died after being shot in the head with a tear gas

canister. The Iraqi officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

The protests intensified Saturday afternoon as demonstrators tried to reach the three bridges, hours after being pushed back under clouds of tear gas from the Sinak bridge to the nearby Khilani square, where 35 people were wounded, according to medical officials. Security forces also regained control of the nearby Ahrar and Shuhada bridges.

The day before, authorities found a bomb under the Sinak bridge and carried out a controlled explosion of it, according to state television.

In the southern city of Basra, three more protesters were killed overnight, raising the death toll there to eight since Thursday. Clashes with security forces also wounded 10 people in other parts of southern Iraq, including the city of Nasiriyah, according to security officials.



# Woman found in desert after weeklong harrowing kidnap

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A suburban Las Vegas woman dragged to California by father-and-daughter kidnappers was found cold but alive after a harrowing, weeklong kidnapping where she was raped, robbed and left for dead in the desert, authorities said.

Stanley Alfred Lawton, 54, and Shaniya Nicole Poche-Lawton, 22, dumped the woman off a highway near Edwards Air Force Base north of Los Angeles, where she was found by military personnel early Wednesday, Los Angeles County sheriff's Capt. Eduardo Hernandez told reporters Friday.

"It's a vicious case," Hernandez said.

While officials said Lawton

and Poche-Lawton knew the victim, authorities didn't provide a motive for the attack. It couldn't immediately be determined if the pair had lawyers yet who could speak on their behalf.

The woman, in her 40s, was kidnapped in North Las Vegas on Oct. 30, Hernandez said.

"It's at gunpoint. It's by force. The victim is then transported across state lines, held in a house inside of a room for at least a week," he said. "At some point, she was sexually assaulted and then left for dead."

Authorities said the woman, who was dumped in the desert without food or water, was suffering from cold and exposure when military authorities found her near the sprawling military base. She was treated at a hos-

pital and released, and she has since returned to Nevada.

"She's very lucky to be alive," Hernandez said.

It's not clear how long the woman was in the desert or why her abductors released her. Although she was robbed, authorities say no ransom was demanded for her release.

Lawton and Poche-Lawton were jailed on bail of \$4.5 million and \$3.5 million, respectively, according to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

They each face charges of kidnapping to commit a robbery, attempted murder, kidnapping from outside the state, rape and three counts of first-degree ATM robbery, according to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

# Officials find likely cause of illnesses from vaping

Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. health officials announced a breakthrough Friday into the cause of a mysterious outbreak of vaping illnesses, reporting they have a "very strong culprit."

The same chemical compound was found in fluid taken from the lungs of 29 patients across the country, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. The compound — vitamin E acetate — was previously found in liquid from electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices used by many of those who got sick.

But this is the first time they've found a common suspect in the damaged lungs of patients, officials said.

"We are in a better place in terms of having one very strong culprit," said the CDC's Dr. Anne Schuchat.

Agency officials cautioned they cannot rule out all other toxic substances, and it may take animal studies to clearly show vitamin E acetate causes the lung damage that's been seen.

More than 2,000 Americans who vape have gotten sick since March, many of them teen and young adults, and at least 40 people have died. The bulk of the cases occurred in August and September, but new cases are still being reported.

Vitamin E acetate has only recently been used as a thickener in vaping fluid, particularly in black market vape cartridges. While vitamin E is safe as a vitamin pill or to use on the skin, inhaling oily droplets of it can be harmful. It's sticky and stays in the lungs — the CDC's Dr. Jim Pirkle likened it to honey.

Many who got sick said they had vaped liquids that contain THC, the high-inducing part of marijuana, with many saying they got them from friends or bought them on the black market.

# Iowa inmate says he fulfilled his life sentence when he died and revived

The Washington Post

Benjamin Schreiber is very much alive. But that hasn't stopped him from arguing that he died four years ago.

After the convicted murderer collapsed in his prison cell in 2015, doctors restarted his heart five times. Recovering back at the Iowa State Penitentiary, Schreiber filed a novel legal appeal. Because he died before he was resuscitated, he had technically fulfilled his life sentence, he claimed.

Judges, however, aren't buying it. Dying for a brief amount of time doesn't amount to a get-out-of-jail-free card, the Iowa Court of Appeals ruled on Wednesday, saying that the 66-year-old will remain in prison until a medical examiner determines that he is dead for good.

"Schreiber is either alive, in which case he must remain in prison, or he is dead, in which

case this appeal is moot," Judge Amanda Potterfield wrote.

Schreiber has been behind bars since 1996, when he was charged in the death of John Dale Terry, 39, whose bludgeoned body was found near an abandoned trailer in rural Agency, Iowa. Prosecutors contended that Schreiber, then 43, had plotted with Terry's girlfriend before clubbing the man to death with the wooden handle of a pickax. A jury found him guilty of first-degree murder, and in 1997, he was sentenced to life without parole.

Nearly two decades later, Schreiber was hit with severe septic poisoning. According to court records, he had developed kidney stones that were so large they "caused him to urinate internally." On March 30, 2015, he fell unconscious and was rushed to the hospital, where doctors brought him

back to life by administering adrenaline and epinephrine through an IV.

In April 2018, Schreiber filed for postconviction relief, claiming that he was being held in prison illegally. His sentence was supposed to end with his death, he argued, which had taken place three years prior, when his heart stopped.

A district court judge wasn't convinced by his creative attempt to find a loophole in the law, saying that Schreiber's argument was "unpersuasive and without merit." The fact that Schreiber was able to file a legal motion petitioning for his release, the judge added, "in itself confirms the petitioner's current status as living."

The inmate took his quest to the Iowa Court of Appeals, which was similarly unpersuaded.

# Germany marks 30 years since fall of Wall

Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany marked the 30th anniversary Saturday of the opening of the Berlin Wall, a pivotal moment in the events that brought down Communism in eastern Europe.

Leaders from Germany, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic attended a ceremony at Bernauer Strasse — where one of the last parts of the Berlin Wall remains — before placing roses in gaps in the once-fearsome barrier that divided the city for 28 years.

Axel Klausmeier, head of the Berlin Wall memorial site, recalled the images of delirious Berliners from East and West crying tears of joy as they hugged each other on the evening of Nov. 9, 1989.

Klausmeier paid tribute to the peaceful protesters in East Germany and neighboring Warsaw pact countries who took to the streets demanding freedom and democracy, and to then-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of reforms.

The protests and a stream of people fleeing East Germany piled pressure on the country's Communist government to open its borders to the West and, ultimately, end the nation's postwar division.

Thirty years on, Germany has become the most powerful economic and political force on the continent, but there remain deep misgivings among some in the country about how the transition from socialism to capitalism was managed.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel ac-

knowledged this in a recent interview with daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung, saying that "with some things, where one might have thought that East and West would have aligned, one can see today that it might rather take half a century or more."

Speaking at a memorial service in a small chapel near where the wall once stood, Merkel commemorated those who were killed or imprisoned for trying to flee from East to West Germany and insisted that the fight for freedom worldwide isn't over.

"The Berlin Wall, ladies and gentlemen, is history, and it teaches us: No wall that keeps people out and restricts freedom is so high or so wide that it can't be broken down," she said.

## Global debate begins over married Catholic priests

Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's Catholics reacted enthusiastically when bishops from across the Amazon called for the ordination of married men as priests to address the clergy shortage in that region. Such reforms have been pushed for decades by many German bishops and lay groups who hope it can lead to the liberalization of centuries of Roman Catholic tradition.

There is resistance elsewhere for the proposal, however, with the conservative Catholic establishment making sure its voice is heard as Pope Francis prepares his own document — expected by year's end — that could determine whether married priests and female deacons eventually become a reality in the Amazon.

Bishop Franz-Josef Bode, from Osnabrueck, Germany, welcomed the proposals

and suggested that a European synod similar to last month's assembly by the Amazon bishops could be a useful way to address pressing issues on the continent.

He told the Osnabrueck Diocese paper Kirchenbote that while the Amazon Synod's recommendations would not be transferable one-to-one in Europe, they might show the way forward to a similar type of priesthood in Germany that allows for combining work and family. "Regarding the role of women in our societal and ecclesiastical situation, the recommendations are a tail wind for our efforts so far," Bode said.

A powerful lay organization, the Central Committee of German Catholics, or ZdK, stressed that its congregations also are concerned about such problems.

"The question of whether we still have enough priests who live in celibacy and can

fulfill all the tasks needed in the community is one that needs to be asked in Germany as well," ZdK Vice President Karin Kortmann said on Friday.

The ZdK will take part in the two-year "synodal path" meetings with the German Bishops Conference that holds its first plenary session in January in Frankfurt. It is widely expected to push for married priests and the ordination of women, among other reforms.

Cardinal Reinhard Marx, the archbishop of Munich and chairman of the bishops conference, expressed support for the proposal but stopped short of calling for a global recognition of married priests. Marx tried to dampen expectations among German Catholics, saying "the synod was not about the abolishment of celibacy. That's not going to happen."

## Mercury is set to put on a rare show across the sun

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Mercury is putting on a rare celestial show this week, parading across the sun in view of most of the world.

The solar system's smallest, innermost planet will resemble a tiny black dot Monday as it passes directly between Earth and the sun. It begins at 7:35 a.m. EST.

The entire 5½-hour event

will be visible, weather permitting, in the eastern U.S. and Canada, and all Central and South America. The rest of North America, Europe and Africa will catch part of the action. Asia and Australia will miss out.

Unlike its 2016 transit, Mercury will score a near bull's-eye this time, passing practically dead center in front of our star.

Mercury's next transit isn't until 2032, and North America

won't get another viewing opportunity until 2049. Earthlings get treated to just 13 or 14 Mercury transits a century.

You'll need proper eye protection for Monday's spectacle: Telescopes or binoculars with solar filters are recommended. There's no harm in pulling out the eclipse glasses from the total solar eclipse across the U.S. two years ago, but it would take "exceptional vision" to spot minuscule Mercury, said

NASA solar astrophysicist Alex Young.

Mercury is 3,000 miles in diameter, compared with the sun's 864,000 miles.

During its 2012 transit of the sun, larger and closer Venus was barely detectable by Young with his solar-viewing glasses.

"That's really close to the limit of what you can see," he said last week. "So Mercury's going to probably be too small."



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Cold weather system brought funky smells

**MO** KANSAS CITY — A cold weather system had people in the Kansas City area wanting more than just a sweater. It also had them reaching for nose plugs.

The National Weather Service speculated in a tweet that a cold front that swept into the area Wednesday night carried farm odors with it and trapped them in the shallow part of the atmosphere. One person responded to the explanation, saying, "I thought my dogs tracked in poo from outside! I'm not crazy."

## Lobsterman rescues deer trapped in water

**ME** HARRINGTON — A Maine lobsterman hauled in an unusual catch 5 miles off the coast — a live deer.

Ren Dorr said he was setting traps when he saw a young deer Monday morning. He said the deer had given up swimming and was being carried farther offshore.

He and his crew hauled the 100-pound buck aboard.

Having a wild animal in a confined space could be trouble. But Dorr told the Bangor Daily News that the deer was so tuckered out that he "laid right down like a dog."

## Mangoes spilled from truck makes traffic

**MD** BETHESDA — Mangoes spilling from an overturned tractor-trailer caused a not-so-sweet morning commute on the Beltway in Maryland.

News outlets reported the truck overturned early Wednesday on Interstate 495 in

Bethesda. Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service spokesman Pete Piringer said one person suffered minor injuries.

The Washington Post reported that traffic backed up for miles at about 6 a.m. while two lanes of the highway were closed.

## Man punches referee at football game

**AL** SCOTTSBORO — An Alabama man has been arrested on charges of punching a referee at a high school football game.

News outlets reported that Jackson County authorities announced the arrest of Johnny Ladell Gilliam, 38, on Tuesday. He is charged with third-degree assault.

The sheriff's office said Gilliam surrendered to authorities on Monday after being accused of hitting a referee during an Oct. 1 football game between North Jackson and Arab.

Arab defeated North Jackson 56-26. Gilliam is from Stevenson, where North Jackson High School is located, but it's unclear what happened at the game.

## Worker saves man from approaching train

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — A transit supervisor in northern California is being hailed as a hero after pulling a man up from train tracks and away from a speeding train.

BART released surveillance video showing John O'Connor spring to action Oct. 3 after a man fell into the tracks at a crowded Coliseum Station following an Oakland Raiders football game.

The video shows O'Connor yanking the man up by the shoulders and back onto the platform moments before the

train arrived.

O'Connor said Monday he was helping with crowd control when he saw the man fall.

BART officials said the man who fell was intoxicated and taken to a local hospital.

## Task force nabs 100 fugitives in 4 months

**ND** BISMARCK — A task force made up of law enforcement agencies in North Dakota and the U.S. Marshals Service has arrested 100 fugitives and seized heroin and methamphetamine since its formation four months ago.

Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier said the collaboration of resources is making a difference by getting dangerous individuals off the streets. Officials said task force members have made arrests for drug offenses, robbery, sexual assault and firearms violations.

The Bismarck Tribune said law enforcement officers have seized a handgun, a gram of heroin and 228 grams of methamphetamine since the task force began operating.

## Man in dumpster, rescued from truck

**MI** KALAMAZOO — Police have rescued a man from a trash truck in Kalamazoo after he fell asleep in a dumpster.

The man screamed for help after the dumpster was emptied into the truck Monday. Fortunately, the trash inside the truck hadn't been compressed when the driver heard pleas for help before dawn. The man could have been killed.

Capt. Matt Huber said Kalamazoo officers used ladders to get inside the truck. The man was removed from the confined space and then lowered to a medical crew by rope.

## Dentist accused of possessing child porn

**MD** SYKESVILLE — A family dentist in Maryland is accused of possessing and distributing child pornography.

The Carroll County Times reported Adam V. Slatniske, 28, was arrested Monday on related charges. He posted bail Tuesday and was released.

Slatniske had been listed as a dentist on Parkville Family Dentistry's website. Owner James Kokorelis said Slatniske no longer works there.

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office said a tip reported by the social network MeWe to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children led to the investigation of Slatniske.

A sheriff's office statement said Slatniske told police that people saying he couldn't be interested in such images of children "piqued my interest."

## Firm accused of diluted spices sold to prisons

**SC** COLUMBIA — A Pennsylvania-based supply company is accused of diluting spices sold to prisons across the country.

The Post and Courier reported federal prosecutors in South Carolina have filed a false claims lawsuit against FlavorPros LLC. The lawsuit said FlavorPros purported to sell pure spices but actually cut shipments to underbid competitors, earning it more than \$500,000 in federal procurement contracts.

FlavorPros was owned by Charlene Brach, of New Jersey. Brach said Tuesday she was unaware of the lawsuit and denied guilt, saying her company wouldn't have been responsible if spices were diluted.

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# Tigers' Wiseman needs court order to play

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The feel-good season for No. 14 Memphis plunged into uncertainty Friday. The school said second-year coach and former NBA star Penny Hardaway gave more than \$11,000 to the family of top prospect James Wiseman, who then got a court order allowing him to play while the university tries to restore his NCAA eligibility.

Memphis issued an extraordinary statement less than an hour before the Tigers played Illinois-Chicago at home, saying Wiseman was going to be kept out of games based on interpretation of a rule by the

NCAA until the temporary restraining order obtained by Wiseman's attorney Leslie Ballin late Friday afternoon.

"The University is currently working with the NCAA staff to restore his playing status, and we are hopeful for a speedy resolution to the matter," the statement said.

The 7-foot-1 Wiseman was on the court Friday night for the national anthem and introduced with the starting lineup. Wiseman scored 17 points, grabbed nine rebounds and had five blocks in a 92-46 win.

Hardaway declined to take questions on the NCAA and legal issues after the game. The coach also made clear that

Wiseman will continue to play, at least until a Nov. 18 hearing, and liked how the freshman handled a roller-coaster day.

"I'm sure he was a little nervous, but he went out there and played his heart out, had five blocks in the first half..." Hardaway said. "To me, he was still business as usual."

Wiseman had a short comment Friday night on Instagram.

"All Smiles!!! God got me!!!" Wiseman wrote.

The NCAA declined to comment after Ballin announced that Wiseman had been ruled ineligible at a late afternoon news conference in Memphis. But the NCAA tweeted out a

statement Friday night with Wiseman playing.

"The University of Memphis was notified that James Wiseman is likely ineligible," the NCAA wrote on Twitter. "The university chose to play him and ultimately is responsible for ensuring its student-athletes are eligible to play."

President M. David Rudd said in the university statement that Memphis will accept responsibility for proven violations of NCAA bylaws but also "firmly supports James, Coach Hardaway and our men's basketball program" in this case. Rudd said Memphis supports Wiseman's right to challenge the NCAA ruling.

## College basketball roundup

### Richards, No. 2 Kentucky hammer Eastern Kentucky

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Sore ankle notwithstanding, Kentucky forward Nick Richards established a strong presence against Eastern Kentucky.

Richards had 21 points and 10 rebounds, Immanuel Quickley added a career-high 16 points and No. 2 Kentucky scored the game's first 14 points to cruise past Eastern Kentucky 91-49 on Friday night.

Seeking to follow up Tuesday's 69-62 victory over top-ranked Michigan State, the Wildcats (2-0) made six of their first 10 shots, including a couple of baskets by Richards. The Colonels, meanwhile, missed their first nine attempts before Darius Hicks' three-point play with 12:57 remaining in the first half.

Kentucky had some sloppy stretches that allowed EKV (1-1) to get within 37-23 before regrouping to lead 46-25 at the break. The Wildcats led by 44 in the second half and finished 34-for-62 from the field (55%) and dominated the boards 54-25.

Richards' point total was just four off his career high against

Fort Wayne as a freshman. The junior forward also had four of Kentucky's six blocks, one shy of his best against Kansas last January.

It was just what the Wildcats needed with concerns about their post depth.

"So much better than a year ago," Kentucky coach John Calipari said of Richards. "Then you say, 'You must really be pumping him up, saying great things.'"

"No. He's in the greatest shape he's ever been, and he has built his own confidence. It doesn't matter what I say now."

Richards' effort was even more impressive considering he began the week questionable because of a left ankle sprain sustained in Kentucky's exhibition opener against Georgetown College. He returned to get seven points and four rebounds in 25 minutes against Michigan State, and Friday offered proof of his improved health and assertiveness on both ends.

**No. 4 Duke 89, Colorado State 55:** Tre Jones had 15 points and eight assists and the Blue Devils routed the visiting Rams.

Wearing gray uniforms trimmed in gold to honor Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski — who led the U.S. national team to three consecutive Olympic gold medals from 2008-16 — Duke (2-0) pulled away by closing the first half on a 10-0 run, then outscored the Rams 47-29 in the final 20 minutes.

**No. 9 North Carolina 78, UNC Wilmington 62:** Freshman star Cole Anthony had 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead the host Tar Heels.

Justin Pierce had 18 points and 12 rebounds to offset a bad shooting night for Anthony, who had 34 points in his college debut against Notre Dame on Wednesday night to set an Atlantic Coast Conference record for points by a freshman in a college debut.

This time, Anthony made just 7 of 24 shots. He had three assists and four made three-pointers for the Tar Heels (2-0).

**Washington 67, No. 16 Baylor 64:** At Anchorage, Alaska, Nahziah Carter scored 23 points while going 4-for-6 on three-pointers to help the Huskies upset the Bears.

**No. 17 Utah State 89, Weber State 34:** Justin Bean had 18 points and nine rebounds, and Sam Merrill added 14 points, six rebounds and six assists and the Aggies routed the visiting Wildcats.

Utah State (2-0) beat Weber State for the second straight season, holding the Wildcats (0-1) to the fewest points by an opponent in Logan since 2013.

**No. 19 Xavier 81, Siena 63:** Tyrique Jones and Naji Marshall each scored 20 points for the visiting Musketeers.

**No. 22 LSU 77, Bowling Green 79:** Javonte Smart and Emmitt Williams each scored 21 points as the host Tigers opened their season with a win over the Falcons.

**No. 24 Auburn 76, Davidson 66:** Isaac Okoro scored 17 points, Danjel Purifoy had 14 and the Tigers eased past the cold-shooting Wildcats in the opener of the Veterans Classic in Annapolis, Md.

**No. 25 VCU 59, North Texas 56:** Mike'L Simms hit a pair of three-pointers in the final 2:07 for his only baskets of the game and the host Rams held off the Mean Green.



## College football roundup

## Washington halts 2-game losing streak

Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — When Oregon State closed in on Washington, Salvon Ahmed broke away with a 60-yard scoring run to douse any momentum the Beavers had.

Ahmed ran for a career-high 174 yards, scoring twice, and Washington rebounded from a two-game losing streak with a 19-7 victory over the Beavers on Friday night.

The Huskies (6-4, 3-4 Pac-12) became bowl eligible with the victory, their eighth straight over the Beavers. Washington has not lost three in a row during coach Chris Petersen's tenure.

"Salvon's always one pitch away from hitting it out of the park," Petersen said afterward.

The Beavers (4-5, 3-3) trailed 10-0 at the half but rallied in the third quarter on Jaydon Grant's

interception return for a touchdown. Oregon State, which has already won more games than in the past two seasons combined, has three remaining games to try to earn its first bowl berth since 2013.

Hunter Bryant had five catches for 90 yards for Washington, after catching a pair of touchdowns last weekend in a 33-28 loss to Utah. Bryant went into the game ranked second nationally in yards receiving by tight ends (557). Huskies quarterback Jacob Eason threw for 175 yards but was intercepted twice.

"I was able to make things happen, but it's credit to the offensive line, the receivers, the tight ends, everyone," Ahmed said. "They were all doing the job and executing."

Jake Luton threw for just 88 yards and the Beavers were held to just 119 yards of total offense — just 8 yards in the

second half — with no second-half first downs. Oregon State hasn't defeated a Pac-12 opponent at home since 2016.

"We just got nothing going, which was difficult to swallow, because I know that group's been working, playing at a high level, but ran into a defense that really shut us down," Oregon State coach Jonathan Smith said.

The Huskies scored first late in the first quarter on Peyton Henry's 47-yard field goal. That made him 16-for-16 on field-goal attempts this season. But he lost his perfect streak before the night was over.

Nahshon Wright intercepted Eason's pass in the second quarter but the Beavers were unable to take advantage of the turnover.

**Tulsa 34, UCF 31:** Jacob Rainey kicked a 23-yard, game-winning field goal late in the fourth quarter and the

host Golden Hurricane rallied past the Knights, knocking off the two-time defending American Athletic Conference champions.

The win was Tulsa's first in conference play.

The Golden Hurricanes (3-7, 1-5) stopped UCF on downs on the ensuing possession — a big third-down sack resulting in an incomplete pass by Dillon Gabriel on fourth-and-12. Tulsa ran out the final 87 seconds.

Dillon threw for 290 yards but was picked off twice and sacked six times for a loss of 36 yards.

Still, UCF (7-3, 4-2) led by as many as 11 points and was ahead 31-24 heading into the fourth quarter. Tulsa put together a 63-yard drive early in the final period, knotting the score on a Seth Boomer 17-yard TD pass to Sam Crawford Jr.

## Steelers linebacker Dupree finds edge in contract year

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — For years, Bud Dupree and Cam Heyward would talk about getting together to train during the offseason. The discussion was always vague. No specifics or firm commitments. Then the months would pass, January would become April would become June and the chance for the longtime Pittsburgh Steelers teammates to meet up would evaporate.

Until last winter, when Dupree, an outside linebacker, joined defensive linemen Heyward, Javon Hargrave and Tyson Alualu in Louisiana to work out for former LSU defensive line guru Pete Jenkins. Together they honed their craft and bonded. Dupree's intensity was unmistakable, offering Heyward tangible proof Dupree was ready for the breakout season that'd always been

just beyond his grasp during four years in which the former first-round pick tantalized with his talent but frustrated with his inconsistency.

Dupree downplayed the personal stakes heading into 2019 after the team opted not to sign him to an extension, instead relishing the chance to effectively bet on himself with a chance to hit the open market in 2020.

"He didn't make a big deal about getting a contract or anything," Heyward said. "Just worked his tail off and challenged himself."

In the process, he's become the week-in, week-out force the Steelers envisioned when they grabbed him with the 22nd overall pick in the 2015 draft. The 26-year-old is playing the best football of his career for the Steelers (4-4) heading into Sunday's visit by the Los Angeles Rams (5-3). Dupree has already matched his career

high with six sacks, teaming up with T.J. Watt to become one of the NFL's top edge rushing tandems.

"(Dupree) has been a monster, as has T.J.," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "They are really setting a pace off the edge and really providing the wave that the rest of us get to ride defensively. But that's the nature of outside linebacker play within our scheme. Particularly, when you draft them in Round 1. That is what they are supposed to look like in their mid-20s."

The problem for Dupree heading into his fifth season is that he's only looked like that occasionally. For every big-time play — he sacked Tom Brady in his debut in 2015 and memorably drilled Miami quarterback Matt Moore in a wild-card game the following season — there were long stretches when Dupree's No. 48

would all but disappear.

"Last year I missed a lot of sacks," said Dupree, who finished with 5½ sacks in 2018. "I had sacks in my hand that I missed. I just feel if I had finished that, we would have had a whole different year last year. So just being able to finish is big."

The 6-foot-4, 270-pound Dupree has become a dedicated student of the game.

"I think he's just become a lot smarter of a player as far as film study," Watt said.

Dupree is winning those battles even when opponents send two or three bodies at him. That's what the Indianapolis Colts did last Sunday on a critical play in the waning moments. The Colts faced third-and-1 at the Pittsburgh 22. A first down and Indianapolis could run the clock down to zero and attempt a short field goal to steal the victory.

## NBA roundup

## Blazers' Lillard scores 60 points in loss

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Damian Lillard scored a career-high 60 points for Portland in the Trail Blazers' 119-115 loss to the Brooklyn Nets on Friday night.

Spencer Dinwiddie scored 34 points and Kyrie Irving had 33 for Brooklyn to help send Portland to its fourth straight victory.

Lillard set a franchise record with the highest-scoring game of the season in the NBA. He was 19-for-33 from the field, 7-for-16 from three-point range and made all 15 of his free throws.

Irving, the NBA's second-leading scorer coming in to the game, did his part in the guard matchup for the Nets. He had

nine fourth-quarter points and hit a shot to put the Nets up 117-112 with 17.8 seconds left.

**Nicks 106, Mavericks 102:** Marcus Morris scored a season-high 29 points and New York beat Kristaps Porzingis in its first game against the former cornerstone of the franchise, holding off host Dallas.

**Timberwolves 125, Warriors 119 (OT):** Andrew Wiggins scored 40 points, hitting the tying basket late in regulation and Minnesota overcame D'Angelo Russell's career-high 52 points to beat visiting Golden State in overtime.

**Lakers 95, Heat 80:** Anthony Davis had 26 points and nine rebounds, LeBron James scored 12 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and host Los

Angeles beat Miami for its seventh consecutive victory.

**Jazz 103, Bucks 100:** Bojan Bogdanovic hit a three-pointer as time expired for the last of his 33 points in Utah's victory over visiting Milwaukee.

**Nuggets 100, 76ers 97:** Nikola Jokic hit an off-balance 20-footer with 1.2 seconds left, helping host Denver rally from a 21-point, fourth-quarter deficit to stun Philadelphia.

**Raptors 122, Pelicans 104:** Pascal Siakam matched his career high with 44 points and had 20 rebounds in visiting Toronto's win over New Orleans.

**Kings 121, Hawks 109:** Bogdan Bogdanovic scored 20 points and hit two of his three-pointers in a key fourth-quarter flurry and Sacramento fought

off host Atlanta's comeback attempt.

**Pacers 112, Pistons 106:** T.J. McConnell, Domantas Sabonis and T.J. Warren scored 17 points apiece and injury-riddled Indiana moved above .500 for the first time this season, beating visiting Detroit.

**Magic 118, Grizzlies 86:** Nikola Vucevic had 23 points and 16 rebounds, Jonathan Isaac added 22 points and eight rebounds and Orlando beat visiting Memphis to snap a four-game losing streak.

**Cavaliers 113, Wizards 100:** Tristan Thompson had 21 points and 12 rebounds, Kevin Love added 16 points and 12 rebounds and Cleveland beat host Washington to end a three-game skid.

## NHL roundup

## Kucherov helps Lightning down Sabres in Sweden

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Nikita Kucherov got the Tampa Bay Lightning off to a fast start in Sweden.

Kucherov scored and Andrei Vasilevskiy made 20 saves to help Tampa Bay beat the Buffalo Sabres 3-2 on Friday night in the first of their two regular-season games in the Swedish capital.

The sold-out games at Ericsson Globe are part of the NHL Global Series.

Alex Killorn and Yannick Gourde also scored for the Lightning.

Sam Reinhart scored twice for Buffalo. The Sabres have lost four straight.

Kucherov opened the scoring at 3:19 of the first period. Brayden Point and Kevin Shattenkirk set up the play for Kucherov to sweep in on a one-timer. The reigning NHL MVP has five goals and seven assists this season. He had 41 goals

and 128 points last season.

"That's a world-class finish," Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper said. "Great play. Great for Shatty to recognize that and wrap that around. I'll have to see, but I don't know if that puck hit the ice. Not a lot of guys can do that, but he's one of them. I thought he had a great game after that."

Shattenkirk has three assists in the last two games.

Kucherov made his presence felt again later in the period when Buffalo forward Vladimir Sobotka needed assistance from his teammates to get off the ice after a hit from the Lightning star.

"Their decision was it was a fair hit," Buffalo coach Ralph Krueger said. "We need to move on whether we like it or not."

Krueger said Sobotka was "definitely" out Saturday.

"I think both teams understand the competitiveness of

our division and this first challenge between us is worth more than just two points and that's why you had that intensity tonight.

The Lightning, last season's Presidents' Trophy winners, improved to 7-5-2 amid a slow start to the season.

Killorn scored on a power play with 3:46 remaining in the period, tipping home fan favorite Victor Hedman's slap shot from the blue line past goalie Linus Ullmark. Hedman, the only Swede on the Tampa Bay team, recovered from a lower-body injury in time to play.

**Red Wings 4, Bruins 2:** Robby Fabbri scored twice in his first game with his new team and host Detroit beat Boston to snap a four-game skid.

Fabbri was acquired from St. Louis on Wednesday night and quickly got his second and third goals of the season. Dylan Larkin and Anthony Mantha also scored for Detroit, and

Jonathan Bernier stopped 26 shots and also had two assists. The Red Wings had been stuck in a 1-11-1 rut.

David Krejci had a goal and an assist and Torey Krug also scored for Boston.

**Oilers 4, Devils 0:** Mikko Koskinen made 26 saves, Alex Chiasson had a goal and an assist and host Edmonton beat New Jersey to snap a two-game losing streak.

Leon Draisaitl, Gaetan Haas and James Neal also scored for the Oilers.

**Jets 4, Canucks 1:** Kyle Connor had a goal and an assist in host Winnipeg's victory over Vancouver.

Connor Hellebuyck made 31 saves for his ninth consecutive victory over the Canucks. Jack Roslovic, Mark Scheifele and Adam Lowry also scored to help the Jets improve to 3-0-1 in their last four games.

J.T. Miller scored his team-leading eighth goal for Vancouver.